



More New Jobs Set for U.S. 61

Yet Another New Business Targets Eastern Iowa with 200 New Jobs and \$20 Million Investment

Maquoketa, IA—Economic development officials from Dubuque and Maquoketa have announced yet another new business project set for the U.S. 61 corridor.

Waukesha, Wisconsin-based HUSCO International will expand their operations in Maquoketa, Iowa. The company intends to create at least 200 new jobs and invest up to \$20 million. The privately-held company designs and produces hydraulic and electro-hydraulic controls for mobile machinery and equipment.

HUSCO's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Agustin A. Ramirez, praised the area's workforce as a strong selling-point. "We were convinced that worker skills and technical training capabilities in the area are superior to those of the other locations we reviewed," said Ramirez.

Another major factor, said Greater Dubuque Development President, Mike Blouin, was the professionalism displayed by the Maquoketa team. "It's absolutely critical that regional economies lock-arms and push forward for a common benefit. When working with HUSCO, folks like Stacy Driscoll, Supervisor Larry "Buck" Koos, and other officials in Jackson County didn't just meet this test, they hit it out of the park," noted Blouin.

"One-of-A-Kind collaboration" describes Stacy Driscoll, Maquoketa Chamber and Economic Development Director in HUSCO's decision to locate in Maquoketa. "The joint forces of Larry "Buck" Koos and elected officials in Jackson County, along with Maquoketa Economic Development and Greater Dubuque Development Corporation were exceptional. Our relationship with HUSCO is just beginning."

Another reason for the success, according to Blouin, was the proximity to John Deere. "John Deere is a major force in our regional economy—positively impacting the lives of real people and real families for decades. That's why we're so excited about HUSCO's major expansion in Maquoketa. Working together, John Deere and HUSCO create a powerful, one-two punch."

The HUSCO project drew praise from across Iowa as well. "Today is a great day for Maquoketa and for the state of Iowa," said Governor Chet Culver. "I am pleased to join my friends at HUSCO and Maquoketa and announce plans to bring up to 200 quality jobs to Iowa. This announcement in Maquoketa is proof that Iowa's leadership in advanced manufacturing continues to grow, Iowa's economy is strong and our brightest days are ahead."

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