



Werner Electric Supply Welcomed to Cottage Grove

Ribbon Cutting, Monday August 4, 2008 at 3:30 PM

On Monday, August 4, 2008 the official Ribbon Cutting will be held welcoming the new branch, corporate offices and regional distribution center for Werner Electric Supply Minnesota. The new 116,496 square-foot facility is located on 20.12 acres at 7450 95th Street South in Cottage Grove. The building includes 35,496 square feet of office and training space and 81,000 square feet of distribution facility and is now home to 110 employees.

The new Werner Electric site is a premier anchor location within the City's industrial park. Through the development process the City acquired 30 additional acres on three sides of the Werner building for park and storm water improvements. As a result, Werner Electric now finds itself virtually surrounded by the 158-acre Hamlet Park, the largest in the City's system. Immediately north of the Werner offices is the City's largest community storm water ponding facility, developed concurrent with the Werner construction. Future improvements in the area will include expansion of the Hamlet Park ball fields, park trails, trees and landscaping and associated improvements. In addition to land acquisition the City has developed \$1,441,000 in park and storm water improvements in Hamlet Park over the past four years. Planned improvements will be of a similar scale.

Development of the City's industrial park began in 1998. Since then, taxable market values have grown from a pre-development level of \$3,639,000 to over \$64 million today. Included is 1 million square feet of new and expanded facilities in sixteen separate developments. About 150 acres are available in the industrial park for future development opportunities.

Werner is an Electrical and Automation Distributor with 2007 revenues of \$114 million, having experienced several years of industry leading growth. Werner Minnesota has seven branches serving Minnesota and Wisconsin (Cottage Grove, St. Cloud, Owatonna, Rochester, Mankato, LaCrescent in Minnesota and Eau Claire Wisconsin). Their mission is to be their customer's competitive advantage by providing premier products, service and support to contractor, commercial and industrial customers. Werner Minnesota has approximately 190 employees, 110 of whom are currently at the Cottage Grove Branch and Corporate center. Their growth and expansion is a direct reflection of their commitment to their customers, their employees and the communities in which they live and work.