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EDC Business Newsflash

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New manufacturing Jobs in Pine River! Northern Sales and Manufacturing, a manufacturer of Ice Castle Fish Houses and RV's, is expanding into Pine River. Owners, Jeff Drexler and Dave Handeland, purchased property just south of the city along the east side of #371. They will hire twenty employees at this site in the next two years. This will be an expansion of the Ice Castle manufacturing operations that are headquartered in Montevideo, MN.

The Cass County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) coordinated the project by helping them find a site, providing a direct loan and facilitating a Minnesota Investment Fund with Cass County for the expansion. All of the financing is in the form of low interest loans. The new jobs will be 75% manufacturing and 25% sales related with wages starting at \$12.45 per hour including benefits.

"The Cass County EDC is always willing to help and answer questions," state the owners. The EDC has been working with them for approximately two years.

"The Cass County Lakes Area is the perfect location for this expansion. Great workforce, low taxes and a highly accessible and visible location, will help this company continue to grow," states EDC Executive Director Gail Leverson. Close Converse, of Brainerd, provided professional assistance to this project as well.

How does this fit our mission? It will create living wage jobs for Cass County residents.

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Do you know someone with a business needing to expand? Tell us or tell the business to contact the Cass County EDC.

We Have the Tools to Help Them Grow.

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