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Urban-Alternative Space Available

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New Jobs Coming to South St. Paul!

The sound of bulldozers and hammers filled the air this week in South St. Paul as construction commenced on two new projects that will bring approximately 250 jobs to the community. The long-awaited redevelopment of the South St. Paul stockyards began with the start of work on a new 126,111 square foot industrial building. BW Systems, a St. Paul-based manufacturer of electrical systems, has committed to lease 32,000 square feet in this state-of-the-art facility located very near I494. Additional manufacturing tenants are expected to join BW Systems soon and the building will be ready for occupancy by August 2012. Construction of two other buildings will eventually complete this project.

The developer of this project, Interstate Partners – Minnesota, worked closely with the City of South St. Paul and the South St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority to complete the project. Greg Miller, President of Interstate Partners-Minnesota, said, “This will be the first new office/warehouse building developed in the area in quite some time. It is well located, very functional and well constructed. It gives growing and successful tenants in the region an attractive alternative to the older space currently available in the market.”

Just a few blocks away, on Hardman Court, construction on another new building was started.. This 14,000 square foot building will be home to a law firm and the headquarters of an existing South St. Paul business that needs additional office space.

South St. Paul Mayor, Beth Baumann, commented that, “These two projects represent the start of a new era of investment in our community. The completion of the Wakota Bridge and the improving economy ,create the opportunity for South St. Paul to attract significant development, jobs and tax base. Businesses and developers tell us repeatedly that our location adjacent to I494 and availability of land for development make us an ideal location.”

Progress Plus is an economic development partnership that works to attract businesses to South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights.

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