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Stecker Machine holds groundbreaking for new 81,000-square-foot warehouse facility

Stecker Machine Co., Inc., in the Town of Newton has broken ground on a new 81,000-square-foot warehouse facility, located on a 17-acre site just north of their existing machine shop at 5107 County Rd. C. in Manitowoc County. The new facility will allow for expansion of machining operations at the current 150,000 square foot facility and will primarily be used for shipping and storage functions initially. This is necessary to maintain adequate capacity to continue to meet customer requirements with exceptional products and delivery. Expansion with current customers and the addition of new large customers created this opportunity for expansion.

Stecker Machine started business in 1973 and has continually grown and expanded since then to the current employment of 215 people. This growth has been made possible by ongoing investments in technology, facilities and employee training. The current operation focuses on high precision CNC machining of difficult parts for equipment used in various industries including agriculture, industrial and defense. The new building will provide space for the addition of 75-100 employees in the future. Many of these will be required to meet the requirements of new business contracts that are being completed.

A.C.E. Building Service is the design/build contractor for the entire project. According to Stecker Machine vice president Joel Kaeppler, the decision to work with A.C.E. was based on successful past partnerships between the two companies on the current and previous building expansions. Much of this is based on the unique MR-24 standing seam roof, which ensures long-term weather tight and energy-efficient performance on the Butler pre-engineered building.

Bank First National will provide the financing for the building as they continue to collaborate with Stecker Machine in supporting ongoing operations and required investments for expansion.

Energy efficiencies will also be a focus of the building, thanks to Stecker's partnership with A.C.E. Building Service. A.C.E.'s LEED A.P (Accredited Professional) will help research and identify grants, incentives and rebates available that are available for mechanical systems and other energy related components to help Stecker save money while being environmentally responsible.

For more information on Stecker Machine, visit www.steckermachine.com.

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PHOTO CAPTION: At the Stecker Machine groundbreaking: Doug Schwalbe - A.C.E. building Service, Laura Stecker, Brian Stecker, Linda Mills, Dave Mills, Shane Osborne, Joel Kaeppler - Vice President Stecker Machine, Holly Osborne, Roger Busse - Town of Newton, Jerry Stecker - Owner Stecker Machine, Donna Stecker, Karen Oswald, Jenny Kurtzweil, Grace Kurtzwei, Senator Joe Leibham - District 9 State Senator.