



Building Products Inc. Expands to Watertown with New Distribution Facility

Expansion will add 7-9 jobs immediately, with more slated for the future

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JEFFERSON, Wis., December 8, 2017 – A site search process started earlier this year has resulted in a win for Jefferson County and for the City of Watertown. Building Products Inc. (BPI), headquartered out of Watertown, South Dakota has leased space in a 72,000 sq foot warehouse located at 426 S. Montgomery St in Watertown, WI.

BPI is in the process of moving in equipment to the location, with a plan of being fully operational in the first quarter of 2018.

South Dakota-based BPI is a wholesale distributor of building materials, exterior doors, windows and millwork products. At this time, the Watertown branch will be distributing building materials and exterior doors. The new location will help the company serve current customers and increase its coverage area.

The process leading up to the expansion into Watertown started last summer. Initially, BPI reached out to the Watertown Chamber of Commerce, who put them in touch with the Glacial Heritage Development Partnership (GHDP). Working closely with company representatives, the Partnership completed a site search based upon the company's requirements. Several sites in Watertown were of interest due to its strategic location for BPI's planned growth in Wisconsin. The GHDP coordinated multiple meetings between BPI executives and local officials, businesses and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to provide information about the community and resources available to BPI.

"The Glacial Heritage Development Partnership played an invaluable role in bringing together and coordinating all the parties involved with this expansion," said Kurt Katuin, Assistant General Manager for BPI. "The GHDP was instrumental in this process and a great asset."

"We're really pleased with how this came together," he added.

Watertown Mayor John David noted that "This project is the result of good economic development work performed by the GHDP. Economic development is a team sport, and bringing the right parties together is crucial. We're excited to have BPI as part of our community."



Vicki Pratt, CEcD, President of Glacial Heritage Development Partnership said “Working with the BPI search team, and since then, their corporate offices, has been a pleasure. They’re a solid company and we are very happy they’ve decided to put a stake in the ground in Watertown, Wisconsin.”

About BPI

Founded in 1957, Building Products Inc. (BPI) is a wholesale distributor of building materials, windows, exterior doors and millwork products. Headquartered in Watertown, South Dakota, BPI has additional locations in South Dakota, as well as North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

About the GHDP

The Glacial Heritage Development Partnership is a non-profit 501(c)3 public-private organization created to promote the economic competitiveness of the Jefferson and Dodge County region by providing professional economic development services for the purpose of retaining, expanding and attracting capital investments and driver industry jobs to our communities. It was formed in mid-2016 and engages the private sector in economic development activities.