

BIDCO Update



"Promoting Economic Growth and Development"

Aug 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BIDCO, The City Council, and the Chamber Board hold regular meetings to make sure the three groups are aligned and working toward the same target. During our August meeting we discussed potential goals to set for the next 12 months and beyond. Our plan right now is to meet again in Sept and finalize these goals and determine actions needed to achieve our plan.

I would like your input on the goal process. Please review the following goals and respond to myself or anyone else on one of the three organizations. My hope is that we can all agree on the top 3 or 4 goals and then work together to build another success together. We've seen what can be accomplished when we work as a common team, let's set the direction and watch what can be achieved.

Potential goals:

Goal idea	Potential Action Items
Retain & expand existing businesses/industries	Medical Center Trucking support Motel enhancement or new construction
Be more visible in the community	Help move Historical Society Help move School Renovate a building downtown Fundraise for pool expansion & renovation
Increase tourism in community	Trail expansion – NE Trail expansion - SW

As always, if you have any questions about the activities of your BIDCO board, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail. (641 444 5206 or danielelovgren@eaton.com)

Dan Lovgren

WEB PROJECT Focus Area

One nice feature on the new web site is the ability to easily find reference sites and/or business or industrial help items. Under the BIDCO tab you will find business development and business resources. From this area the user can find links the local realtors to view residential and commercial properties for sale.



Eaton Open House

Wed. Sept 10, 3-5pm
Plant Tours Available (No open toe shoes for plant tours)
Web Site Demonstration,
Question and Answer
Light snacks and drinks

FEATURED BUSINESS Syngenta Seeds

Syngenta Seeds, Inc. has been operating at the Belmond site since 2004. At that time the seed production facility was purchased from JC Robinson Seeds that had operated the facility since 1988.

This seed production facility has a long Belmond history with it's genesis from Tomco Hybrid Seeds started back in the 1940's. Syngenta Seeds is the supply chain for three distinct brands more locally known as Golden Harvest, Garst and NK seeds.

The Belmond plant provides the latest and greatest soybean products to dealers in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Beans from 38,000 growing acres in the tri-state area are bulk boxed and bagged at the Belmond plant.



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Syngenta Seeds, Cont.

The Belmond site includes a state of the art processing facility along with 60,000 square feet of warehouse space. There are 13 full-time employees ballooning to 38 seasonally during the winter months.

The advanced technology used at the Belmond plant plays an integral part in improving agricultural productivity. Did you know that 40% of the world food supply would not exist without crop protection products.

That is why the world can produce enough food to provide each person with 2,700 calories per day and that food production begins right here in Belmond, Iowa. For more information contact Marty.Schumann@Syngenta.com or get on the web at www.syngenta.com.



WEB PROJECT, Cont. Focus Area

There are also links to the local banks and the financial incentive forms that are needed to launch a business in Belmond with local assistance. For current employers or perspective transfers the labor shed information provides wonderful information about the work force.

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