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THE MARTIN-BROWER COMPANY SELECTS MASON CITY
FOR NEW OPERATION

Food Distributor Plans to Create More Than 70 Jobs in North Iowa

MASON CITY, IOWA— Rosemont, Illinois-based The Martin-Brower Company, L.L.C. announced today that after a three-month search it has chosen Mason City for its expansion of warehouse and distribution operations. Martin-Brower intends to create 70 jobs, according to Martin-Brower President, John Roussel.

“Mason City has greatly assisted us in determining the most logical location for our new operations,” said Mr. Roussel. “Mason City EDC, North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC), the John Pappajohn Business & Entrepreneurial Center (JPEC) and Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) have all been instrumental in our search and have contributed to bringing these new jobs and our investment to Mason City.”

Martin-Brower’s Mason City operation will include a 45,000-square foot facility in the Mason City Industrial Park previously occupied by Food Service of America and more currently by IMI Cornelius. “We have purchased property in Mason City and hope to receive approval of our development agreement from the Mason City City Council at its next meeting,” said Bob McGonigle, Martin-Brower Division Vice President.

The City Council will review the development agreement, which details the terms under which the City Council would provide an \$112,000 grant to Martin Brower. The City Council will consider the development agreement at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 2, 2007.

“Subject to the approval of the development agreement by the City Council we will be well on our way to bringing this project to fruition,” said Angela Determan, Interim Executive Director of the Mason City EDC. “The financial assistance package may also include participation by Cerro Gordo County, an Iowa New Jobs Training agreement that will be going before the NIACC Board, and a loan from the privately funded revolving loan fund of the Mason City EDC. A lot needs to come together in the next 30 days and we are confident things will fall into place. We are pleased to be able to welcome Martin-Brower to Mason City,” commented Determan.

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Dr. Michael Morrison, president of NIACC, said he is excited about Martin-Brower expanding its operations to North Iowa and has been impressed with their first-class business practices and approach to finding the right location for their business. "This is a quality company. I have had the opportunity to meet with executives from Martin-Brower and I have been impressed with their business model and the services they provide their customers. They will add diversity to the transportation cluster in North Iowa and add good paying jobs for the workforce. Congratulations North Iowa!" said Dr. Morrison.

Mr. McGonigle continued, "The Mason City EDC, the City of Mason City, Cerro Gordo County and Iowa Department of Economic Development and all of the partners involved, have provided invaluable information regarding this location and aided Martin-Brower's decision to make an investment in North Iowa. We are excited to be moving forward with our expansion plans and to put our local Martin-Brower team together within the next twelve to eighteen months. Those interested in employment as professional drivers and warehouse personnel can call 641-423-3376 to request application information."

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About Mason City Economic Development Corporation

The Mason City EDC is a private public not for profit organization whose mission and purpose is the promotion and facilitation of job creation and capital investment in the Mason City region with the intention of positively impacting the quality of life and creation of wealth and expansion of tax base.

About The Martin-Brower Company, L.L.C.

The Martin-Brower Company, L.L.C. is a part of Reyes Holdings L.L.C. Serving the McDonald's Corporation since 1956, Martin-Brower is McDonald's largest distributor in the United States, Canada and Latin America delivering over 200 million cases of product to more than 9,000 restaurants each year. Renowned for finding innovative and timely means of delivering quality frozen, refrigerated and paper products to its customers, Martin-Brower is dedicated to being McDonald's most trusted and valued partner, setting new standards for on-time delivery, dependability, efficiency and safety at the international level. Recognized as an industry leader in such areas as warehouse cleanliness and safety procedures, Martin-Brower has won numerous Silliker Platinum awards. For more information log on to www.martin-brower.com.