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CARGILL PLANNING MASON CITY PLANT EXPANSION

CARGILL KITCHEN SOLUTIONS plans to expand its egg processing plant in Mason City, with the help of North Iowa Corridor Economic Development Corporation.

The company opened here as Sunny Fresh Foods with 35 employees in 2001 and has grown steadily ever since in footprint and employment. Now operating as Cargill Kitchen Solutions, this newest construction will add 11,700 square feet for a new production line and freezer expansion. The company expects to add 44 more employees, bringing the total workforce up to almost 300. The plant is located at 1750 S. Benjamin Ave.

"We've been working with Cargill on finding city and state opportunities for assistance on the project and also exploring workforce development with NIACC," said Chad Schreck, President and CEO of North Iowa Corridor. "Cargill has been important to our community. We put an emphasis on existing businesses, because we want to help them grow and prosper here. In the average community, the vast majority of new jobs and investment, generally 70 to 80 percent or more, are created by existing businesses."

Jessica Reith, Plant Manager, said, "Producing innovative, protein-rich, egg-based foods at our Mason City facility continues to create excitement in the marketplace and generate growth momentum for our customers and Cargill. Helping our customers deliver high-quality, nutritious, delicious, and affordable egg protein to consumers has led to multiple expansions since the facility opened in 2001 with three dozen employees and the desire to successfully grow the business."

"We continue to invest in our business and in the community, and the community also continues to invest in Cargill, making it a win-win situation for us all. For Cargill to prosper, we know that our customers and the communities in which we have a presence must thrive. Helping communities flourish has been part of our cultural fabric dating back to Cargill's founding more than 150 years ago. Our goal is to continue nourishing people, animals, and the planet in a safe, responsible, and sustainable way for another 150 years."

The North Iowa Corridor worked



with Cargill to submit an application for the State of Iowa's High Quality Jobs Program. The Iowa Economic Development Authority board approved the award for benefits at their meeting April 21st. This included High Quality Jobs Program tax credits, Investment Tax Credits of \$350,000, and refund of sales, service, or use taxes paid during construction.

As part of the local match component, the Corridor is working with the City of Mason City on a proposed Property Tax Rebate of up to \$210,000 to be considered in May.

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