



Careers Industries

Enriching the lives of people with disabilities

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Careers Industries Plans Mid-December Move to New Location as it Prepares to Expand Services for Persons with Disabilities and Area Businesses

Racine, WI, August 3, 2011 – Careers Industries, a non-profit organization that enriches the lives of persons with disabilities through work, care and community, expects to move into its new Racine location at 4811 Washington Ave. in mid-December.

Renovation is underway on the 52,000 square-foot building located in the Westgate Mall. After 12 years, Careers Industries has literally outgrown its current 25,000 square-foot Douglas Avenue site. The non-profit organization needs the expanded space to continue to meet the demand in the Racine area for services for and by persons with disabilities.

Careers Industries has had to rent additional space in a nearby office park to service a new relationship with Franksville-based Quick Cable Corporation which hired Careers Industries earlier this year to assemble 20,000 Battery Leaker Kits. Careers Industries participants are expected to start work on another 30,000 units shortly.

“Our new location is critical to our ability to expand our revenue producing services so that we can be less reliant on public dollars while continuing to provide opportunities for persons with disabilities,” said Joe Greene, executive director, Careers Industries. “Additionally, larger space will allow us to serve a greater number of participants while their families or other guardians can earn a living.”

Several Racine and nearby businesses will be providing services on the Careers Industries’ renovation. These include Straightline Grading & Excavating LLC, Franksville; Service Drywall & Decorating, Caledonia; O'Brien & Herman Plumbing LLC, Sturtevant; Kurk Concrete and Y-Not Masonry, both of Union Grove; Cicchini Asphalt, LLC, Kenosha; and Liquid Systems, Pleasant Prairie. Triad Construction, Inc. serves as the renovation’s general contractor and Saab Design, LLC as the architect.

Building features will include:

- High tech training rooms, teaching kitchen, larger lunch rooms, exercise room, large outdoor teaching garden and covered drop-off area
- 23,000 square-feet of production and warehouse space to provide services for area businesses compared to current 12,000 square-feet
- Large amounts of natural and energy efficient lighting
- Sustainable building materials

Careers Industries has accepted an offer to purchase its existing building and continues to consider secondary offers. Monitor the Careers Industries web site for new building renovation progress updates at <http://www.careersindustries.com/newbuilding.htm> .

Careers Industries currently serves more than 350 participants and nearly 200 businesses and organizations from its Racine and Burlington locations.

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