

With a community rich in world-class educational institutions, the St. Louis area offers people who are well-educated, work hard, and look out for one another—good attributes for any corporate culture.

—Andrew C. Taylor, Chairman and CEO, Enterprise Rent-A-Car

ST. LOUIS EMERGES AS KEY RESEARCH AND EXPANSION SITE FOR PFIZER

THE \$200 MILLION INVESTMENT IS A TESTAMENT TO ST. LOUIS' GROWING REPUTATION AS A CENTER FOR DEVELOPING BIOLOGICS



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Identifying the St. Louis region as a strategic location for developing new medicines, Pfizer Inc. is building a 330,000-square-foot research building that is part of a \$200 million expansion of its Chesterfield, Mo., campus. When completed in 2008, more than 1,000 employees will be located at the site in St. Louis County.

The expansion will allow Pfizer to integrate research resources currently housed in three locations throughout St. Louis. "Our goal for several years has been to create a unified, integrated research and development site that brings our scientific work to a single location," said Daniel P. Getman, vice president and St. Louis site director at Pfizer. "This

www.pfizer.com



expansion will enable more collaboration among scientists and strengthen our ability to deliver new medicines."

Researchers in the St. Louis area played a key role in developing anti-inflammatory medications such as Celebrex and other drugs for Pharmacia Corporation before the New York-based Pfizer acquired the company in 2003.

Pfizer has located its global center of emphasis for early-stage biologics development in St. Louis. "That means when any biologics compound discovered within our global R&D operation is ready for clinical trials, it comes to St. Louis during the early development stage," said Edward Bryant, Pfizer's senior adviser of public affairs.

A Quick Look AT ST. LOUIS

- 18th** largest metropolitan area
- 2.7 million** population
- 1.4 million** work force
- 21 Fortune 1000** company headquarters
- 3rd Lowest Cost** of living among top 20 metros

MONSTERCOMMERCE EXPANDS IN BELLEVILLE

COMPANY MANAGES E-COMMERCE OPERATIONS FOR 6,000+ ONLINE STORE OWNERS

MonsterCommerce, a fast-growing leader in e-commerce storefront systems, has leased an additional 35,000 square feet of office space adjacent to its current Belleville, Ill., headquarters. The expansion in St. Clair County will create 200+ new jobs and \$16.5 million in capital investment during 2006. "The strength of the local universities and work force makes the metro east an ideal location for our expansion," said Stephanie Leffler, president & general manager of MonsterCommerce.

MonsterCommerce was named the fastest-growing company in the St. Louis region in 2005. Later that year, it was acquired by Network Solutions, a Virginia-based provider of Web solutions and a pioneer of domain name registration.

www.monstercommerce.com



AFB INTERNATIONAL WILL EXPAND IN MISSOURI RESEARCH PARK

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT CITED AS A DECIDING FACTOR IN SITE SELECTION

AFB International, one of the world's largest suppliers of pet food flavors, is expanding into an 83,000-square-foot building in the Missouri Research Park in St. Charles County, Mo.

In addition to sales and administrative space, the facility will include high-tech laboratory space and a production research lab where new flavors for dog and cat foods and treats will be developed.

AFB is a subsidiary of Ensign-Bickford Industries. It currently has 120 employees at a manufacturing plant in O'Fallon, Mo., which is also in St. Charles County. Forty of those employees will move to the Missouri Research Park, and the company plans to hire an additional 40 employees over the next five years. Many of the new employees will be highly trained technicians and Ph.D.-level scientists.

The company considered expanding in Connecticut. However, President and Chief Executive Officer Jackie Levin noted, "Being close to our O'Fallon location affords us the opportunity to have great interaction with manufacturing. In addition, we selected the St. Louis region because of the excellent business environment."



www.afbinternational.com



EXPRESS SCRIPTS' NEW CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

EXPRESS SCRIPTS TO BUILD \$50 MILLION CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS CAMPUS SELECTED AS MODEL FOR PUBLIC/PRIVATE INITIATIVES

St. Louis-based Express Scripts, one of the nation's leading managers of pharmacy benefit plans, is building a new \$50 million, 320,000-square-foot headquarters on the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) campus. The company chose the site after evaluating several locations across the country.

When it is completed in 2007, the new headquarters will house 1,100 employees. Express Scripts will be the highest-ranking *Fortune* 500 company with its corporate headquarters on a university campus.

"We envision a flourishing collaboration that will serve as a model for public/private initiatives throughout the United

States," said George Paz, president and chief executive officer of Express Scripts.

Added UMSL Chancellor Thomas F. George, "Express Scripts is the type of company we had in mind when we began developing our business, technology and research park. It's a growing company whose needs meld with our academic strengths and diverse connections to the region."

The Express Scripts headquarters is part of a development at the university and near Lambert St. Louis International Airport. The development is called University Place/North Park: A University of Missouri-St. Louis Business, Technology and Research Park.

www.express-scripts.com



The building is being developed by North Park Partners ESI, an alliance whose members include McEagle Properties and Clayco. The general contractor is a Paric Construction-Clayco joint venture.

Founded in 1986, Express Scripts has 14,000 employees providing integrated pharmacy benefits management services to more than 50 million patients through facilities in 13 states and Canada.

www.spectrumbrands.com



SPECTRUM BRANDS OPENS MAJOR DISTRIBUTION FACILITY IN EDWARDSVILLE

CENTRAL LOCATION AND EASY ACCESS TO MAJOR HIGHWAYS CITED AS DECIDING FACTORS

Spectrum Brands, Inc. recently leased Lakeview 1, a 605,000-square-foot distribution facility in the Lakeview Commerce Center in Edwardsville, Ill. The new Madison County distribution center is expected to employ 65; the company already employs 600 in the St. Louis region.

Based in Atlanta, Spectrum Brands is a global consumer products company that produces batteries, shaving and grooming items, aquariums and other specialty pet supplies, insect control products, and a

variety of lawn and garden supplies. The new facility will distribute pet supplies for the company's United Pet Group division. The company cited the central location and easy access to major national highways as reasons for selecting Edwardsville.

Lakeview Commerce Center is a 750-acre business park owned by Panattoni Development Company and Logan Development. The Lakeview 1 building was developed and is owned by Panattoni.

SOLAE COMPANY EXTENDS COMMITMENT TO ST. LOUIS WITH NEW \$40 MILLION HEADQUARTERS AND RESEARCH CENTER

MULTINATIONAL FOOD INGREDIENT COMPANY WILL ANCHOR CORTEX LIFE SCIENCE DISTRICT

The Solae Company will build a \$40 million, 160,000-square-foot corporate headquarters and research center in the Center of Research, Technology and Entrepreneurial Exchange (CORTEX) life science district in midtown St. Louis. The company makes soy-based specialty food ingredients.

Two years ago, The Solae Company consolidated its North American headquarters and research operations in the city of St. Louis on the Nestlé Purina Pet Care Company's North American headquarters campus downtown,

www.solae.com



retaining more than 400 high-tech employees in the region.

Solae's move to CORTEX will help position the company for growth, noted Tony Arnold, the company's president and chief executive officer. "We're excited to anchor this new research community and to renew our long-standing commitment to the city of St. Louis. I envision CORTEX becoming the buckle of an emerging national BioBelt, and it is my hope other forward-thinking science companies will join us in championing its development," he said.

CORTEX is a collaboration of major research institutions in the St. Louis area, backed by the region's business and civic commu-

nity. Anchor institutions include BJC HealthCare, the Missouri Botanical Garden, Saint Louis University, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Washington University in St. Louis.

The Solae Company, a joint venture between Bunge Limited and DuPont, will move to the new building in 2008. The new facility will house the company's corporate offices, research and development, and pilot manufacturing facility.



ST. LOUIS HAS THE THIRD LOWEST COST OF LIVING

For all that Greater St. Louis has to offer, the cost of living is considerably low. In fact, the region had the third-lowest cost of living among the nation's 20 largest metropolitan areas in the first quarter of 2006, according to the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association.

COST OF LIVING—SAMPLING OF TOP METROPOLITAN AREAS

Metro Area	Index
Houston	90.2
Pittsburgh	93.3
St. Louis	95.6
Atlanta	97.5
Detroit	104.1
Chicago	111.9
Philadelphia	124.0
New York City (Manhattan)	201.2
United States	100.0

Source: 1st Quarter 2006, ACCRA Cost of Living Index.

ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR EXPANDING IN WELDON SPRINGS

LARGEST RENTAL CAR COMPANY IN NORTH AMERICA ADDS 140,000 SQUARE FEET TO ITS DATA CENTER CAMPUS

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the largest rental car company in North America, is building a new 140,000-square-foot addition to its 21-acre campus in Weldon Spring, Mo. Slated for completion in summer 2007, the St. Charles County location will have the capacity to house about 800 employees.

An estimated 350 information systems employees currently work in the existing

120,000-square-foot data center on the campus. The increased staff at the location will come through a combination of employee transfers from Enterprise's world headquarters in Clayton, Mo., and new hires.

"Enterprise was founded in St. Louis and our corporate headquarters remains here," said Steve Morris, assistant vice president, real estate, for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. "Even as

www.enterprise.com



our company grows throughout the U.S. and the world, the roots and values of Enterprise are firmly planted in St. Louis and the community has always supported our business. It makes sense for us to grow and expand here."

In 2005, Enterprise ranked No. 16 on *Forbes* magazine's list of the largest private companies. Last year it generated revenue in excess of \$8 billion.

CHRYSLER GROUP PLANS \$1 BILLION INVESTMENT IN TWO ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN FENTON

INVESTMENT WILL SUPPORT PRODUCTION OF MULTIPLE MODELS ON ONE LINE

At a time of retrenchment by some automakers, Chrysler Group is investing up to \$1 billion in upgraded technology, processes and infrastructure at its St. Louis North and St. Louis South assembly plants.

www.daimlerchrysler.com

"This investment clearly represents Chrysler Group's commitment not only to our work force, but also to the entire St. Louis regional community," said Frank Ewasyshyn, Chrysler Group executive vice president-manufacturing.

The investment will be shared between the two plants and give them state-of-the-art manufacturing capabilities. Part of the investment will give the South Plant the capability of manufacturing multiple types of vehicles on one line.

The plants, which together employ about 6,000, are located in the municipality of Fenton in St. Louis County. The North Plant is home to the Dodge Ram Standard and Quad Cab Pickup, and the South Plant manufactures Chrysler Town & Country,



Dodge Caravan and Dodge Grand Caravan minivans. For the second consecutive year, the South Plant was the most productive minivan plant in North America, according to the "2006 Harbour Report," published by Harbour Consulting Inc. of Troy, Mich.

FIREMAN'S FUND EXPANDS IN EARTH CITY

NATIONAL CUSTOMER SALES AND SERVICE CENTER OPENS, WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY INCREASE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT TO NEARLY 370

www.firemansfund.com



Fireman's Fund Insurance Company has added about 160 jobs to its operations in Earth City in St. Louis County, Mo., and plans to add another 45 positions by year-end.

As part of the company's expansion, a national customer sales and service center has opened to assist the company's network of independent agents.

Based in Novato, Calif., Fireman's Fund has built a solid presence in the St. Louis region for more than 40 years. St. Louis serves as the company's headquarters for its Cata-

strophe (CAT) and Claims Service Center. The CAT team is specially trained to monitor and respond immediately to disasters affecting the company's policyholders.

AS PART OF THE COMPANY'S PHILANTHROPIC MISSION, THE FIREMAN'S FUND HERITAGE™ PROGRAM, FIREMAN'S FUND HAS DONATED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS NATIONALLY, INCLUDING GRANTS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS TO ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS.



ISLE OF CAPRI RELOCATES HEADQUARTERS TO CREVE COEUR

HEADQUARTERS WILL CREATE 150 NEW JOBS

The \$1.1 billion Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. is relocating its corporate headquarters from Biloxi, Miss., to the municipality of Creve Coeur in St. Louis County. The move will make it one of the region's 25-largest pub-

www.islecorp.com



licly traded corporate headquarters in the St. Louis region.

"In thirteen short years, Isle of Capri has grown from a million dollar company to a billion dollar corporation with strong Mississippi roots. Although we are moving our corporate headquarters to Missouri, we plan to continue supporting redevelopment efforts along the Gulf Coast long into the future," Tim Hinkley, president and

chief operating officer, said. "The state of Missouri and the city of Creve Coeur have warmly welcomed our Isle team members and we look forward to settling into our new headquarters."

When the relocation is completed this fall, 150 corporate positions will occupy 50,000 square feet in the Creve Coeur Corporate Center.

THE NATIONAL NEWS: TALKING ABOUT ST. LOUIS

Bike System: If St. Louis Can Do It, We Can Too.

There's no better way to experience a city than on a bicycle. St. Louis is the perfect place to try it out.

The Commercial Appeal (Memphis)
May 1, 2006

More Say, "Meet Me in St. Louis" as City Shows Signs of Renewal.

Now, the hollow spaces of the former garment district are being filled with condominiums, bistros and shops. The old post office, for years a relic surrounded by other vacant buildings, has been refurbished, its space fully rented.

USA Today
May 10, 2006

St. Louis Ballpark: Lucky Cards.

The new Busch Stadium is one of the best in a recent line of retro-ballparks... And the best part? Outside the stadium, there's a city full of other parks to explore.

The Washington Post
April 30, 2006

St. Louis Escapes Its Rust-Belt Past

In downtown St. Louis, the opening of the new Busch Stadium is the latest effort to beautify and improve an area that once was called an eyesore and a tragedy.

More than 50 businesses have opened in the area, where residential lofts are booming and major projects such as the new stadium are drawing new businesses and excitement to the area.

All Things Considered, National Public Radio
May 17, 2006



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Greater St. Louis, which includes 16 counties in Missouri and Illinois. RCGA markets the St. Louis region nationally and internationally to attract targeted industries to the area. It further spurs economic development by aiding the expansion and startup of companies within the region.

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