**GENENCOR ANNOUNCES CEDAR RAPIDS EXPANSION.**

Genencor International, a division of Danisco Inc., announced it will add 20 new high-salary jobs over the next three years as it expands the capacity of its biotechnology plant in Cedar Rapids. The $23 million expansion will ultimately make the Cedar Rapids plant the company’s primary North American manufacturing operation. Genencor is a leader in the production of enzymes that enhance the starch industry, animal feeds, ethanol production and more. This expansion will add to the plant’s fermentation and reformulation expansion. The company, headquartered in San Francisco, was recently selected as the Best Place to Work in America (small- to medium-sized companies) by the Society of Human Resources Management. Genencor is just one of the many growing and dynamic companies who continue to fuel the growth of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City technology corridor.

**BROWN MEDICAL NAMED EXPORTER OF THE YEAR.**

Spirit Lake’s Brown Medical Industries has been named the 2005 ThinkGlobal/Commercial News USA Exporter of the Year. This company is a leading manufacturer of orthopedic products that make cost and speed economies for orthopedic specialists, hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. Brown Medical is a leading manufacturer of orthopedic products that make cost and speed economies. “Congratulations!” said Thomas A. Dieter, executive director of the Iowa Export Council. “Brown Medical is a shining example of Iowa companies that are succeeding in the global marketplace.”

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**TECH JOBS ABOUND ACROSS IOWA.**

Computer-related careers now make up eight of the 20 fastest-growing jobs in Iowa, and software engineering positions in the state are expected to grow 82 percent by 2010. The proliferation of computer jobs is not confined to Iowa’s largest population centers but spans all over the state. Last year TeamQuest in Clear Lake was one of a handful of companies in the technology industry that specialize in performance and capacity planning for corporate data centers all over the world. Last year, TeamQuest was ranked for the third year in row among the top 500 software providers in the world. Software Magazine to learn more about Iowa’s growing technology industry, visit www.techcorridor.com.

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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

MidAmerican Energy

MidAmerican Energy Company is the largest public utility in Iowa and is strategically located in the middle of several major markets in the Midwest. They provide service to more than 295,000 electric customers and more than 60,000 natural gas customers in a 10,000 square-mile area from Sioux Falls, S.D. to the Quad Cities area of Iowa and Illinois. The largest concentration of service by MidAmerican Energy is in the Iowa City area, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, Waterloo, Iowa City and Cedar Falls, Iowa, the Quad Cities area of Iowa and Illinois, and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Energy — that’s what it’s all about at MidAmerican, and that extends to their employees as well. MidAmerican provides competitive compensation packages, progressive technology and training, advancement opportunities and excellent benefits. Benefits may include comprehensive medical, dental and vision insurance, life insurance, short-term and long-term disability, pension plan, 401(k) with a company match, profit sharing, tuition reimbursement and adoption assistance.

IOWA HAS WINTER FUN DOWN COLD.

Iowa doesn’t stop just because winter comes. On the contrary, they eagerly look forward to winter sports and recreational opportunities. Downhill skiing and snowboarding, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing attract the skier at all levels around the state, which includes Snowbank Mountain in Dubuque — the only National Ski Areas Association—Award of Excellence Resort in the Midwest. Other Iowa ski areas include Seven Oaks in Central Iowa and Mount Creston in Western Iowa. Many of the same rooms that offer downhill skiing are excellent venues for cross country skiing as well. Another popular winter sport in Iowa is snowmobiling. You can learn more about the Iowa City area. The annual event features bondoing on the ice, softball tournaments, the Big Freeze Classic, and a spectacular fireworks display over the frozen lake. Iowa residents don’t even let snow and ice stop them from enjoying a round of golf. There are five golf events held on frozen Iowa lakes, including the Arctic Open on Black Hawk Lake, which draws 250 plus golfers every year.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Laura K. Winstead, a senior finance, marketing and political science major at the University of Iowa, was recently honored by the national Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization with a non-entrepreneurial award for Best Student Leader She honored for her leadership skills during her tenure as 2004-05 president of the Iowa State Collegiate Venture Capital, which is part of the National Association for College Entrepreneurs. With this award, the students bestowed by her efforts in the development of the center and in the promotion of innovation in the Iowa City area.

Laura Winstead is a senior at the University of Iowa. She is majoring in finance and marketing.

Young Professionals of Iowa (YP) offers a valuable networking and education association for young professionals who are interested in helping to shape the future prosperity of Iowa. When it was first formed 15 years ago as a concept group has grown into a successful group of community volunteers. Membership in YP Iowa is limited to professional individuals between the ages of 21 and 45. The organization includes chapters throughout Iowa and features community service projects, including events that help shape the organization’s most exciting events. Education initiatives are designed to raise the standards of higher education. Last year, the Education chapter of the Iowa City area was recognized for its outstanding work in the area of college graduates for elite job opportunities in the Des Moines Metro area.

The DES Moines Business Journal has recently named Iowa the Entrepreneur of the Year for 2006.

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Fifteen years ago, Iowa State University students Rick Rockhold and Brian Landrath began developing a talent for solving compatibility problems across computer platforms. Little did they know at the time, they were laying the groundwork for what has become a successful 10-person business based in West Des Moines. This company, MediaVerse, is at the fore of software technologies that make technology easier and more enjoyable.

The first product, MediaVerse, was launched in 1995 and made it possible to use a Mac or a Windows® operating system. Today, the software is in its tenth version and continues to be strong. In fact, MediaVerse introduced iServer to the rapidly growing market of iPod® users. Using MediaVerse technologies on its foundation, iServer allows users to use their iPod with either a Windows or Mac system. What’s next for this innovative, problemsolving company? A software program that will simplify multimedia for transferring music’s building iPod game hardware. MacDrive 6 and XPlay2 are available direct from mediafour.com or at first for this innovative, problemsolving company? A software program that will simplify multimedia for transferring music’s building iPod game hardware. MacDrive 6 and XPlay2 are available direct from mediafour.com or at

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IOWA ADVANTAGES ARE ADDING UP

Iowa enjoys the third-largest average household income in the middle of the states.

U.S. Census Bureau, 2006

Iowa is ranked among the Top 5 states for the impact its state legislature has on the state’s cost of doing business.

National Policy Research Council, 2005

Iowa has the 5th safest road network in the United States.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004

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