



WestRock to Expand in Sioux City

After considering alternate locations across the country, WestRock, a leading multinational provider of differentiated paper and packaging solutions with two existing Sioux City corrugated manufacturing plants, has announced plans to make a \$48 million capital investment to expand one of those facilities and consolidate their manufacturing operations to the newly expanded facility.

The company currently manages manufacturing facilities on Tri-View Avenue (north plant) and Bridgeport Drive (south plant). Due to advances in technology, WestRock is preparing to expand the south plant in Bridgeport Industrial Park by approximately 82,000 sq. ft.

"This investment will allow WestRock to modernize our operations in Sioux City," said Chris Augustine, WestRock director of corporate communications. "We will be more competitive in the industry and retain as many jobs as possible in the local community once we improve our facility layout and update our equipment."

"We began conversations with WestRock in 2015 to discuss potential expansion plans," said Sioux City Mayor Bob Scott. "They had an opportunity to expand in other areas of the country and we appreciate their decision to invest in Sioux City."

The Siouxland Initiative President Chris McGowan stated, "WestRock has had a presence in this community for decades and their decision to make a very substantial capital investment in Sioux City helps ensure that they will be with us for many more years to come."

WestRock has requested support from the City with \$1.6 million in tax rebates through TIF over 10 years. The City Council will be asked to take action on Monday, October 10 to approve assistance to the company.

About WestRock

WestRock Company (NYSE: WRK) aspires to be the premier partner and unrivaled provider of paper and packaging solutions in consumer and corrugated markets. WestRock's 39,000 team members support customers around the world from more than 250 operating and business locations spanning North America, South America, Europe and Asia. Learn more at www.westrock.com.

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