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Changes at the Door County Business Development Center

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The Door County Business Development Center, the small business incubator operated and managed by the Door County Economic Development Corporation, welcomes a new/old client, Chapman Technical Services, to the facility, while saying goodbye to Phoenix Drafting, which has relocated to a new location.

Chapman Technical Services has returned to Door County after three years in Erie, PA, where founder John Chapman reestablished a defunct shipyard. Chapman Technical Services is a provider of technical support and surveys for the marine industry. In addition to residential and small commercial architecture, personal representation may be provided to owners, contractors/shipbuilders or other design agents. Services are available from concept, planning and development of a project through construction and service life. Projects included are new build construction, remodeling/conversions, survey and repairs. john@chaptech.us

Phoenix Drafting, a residential drafting company offering services to contractors and homeowners, has become a home-based business while owner Kim Kasten continues her education. Drafting services include new homes, additions, remodels, site plans, decks and garages. Service is available for plans only or project coordination from start to finish. phoenix413213@att.net

The Door County Business Development Center currently has 4,200 sq ft of light manufacturing space immediately available for rent. Much of the available space is dividable to accommodate the needs of any size or type of business. Eligible clients include new or young companies looking for support to get a strong start in business.

The Business Development Center helps reduce business start-up overhead costs by offering affordable rents and providing free or low-cost access to shared facilities, services and equipment, including: truck docks; forklift; high-speed internet access, copier, fax and mail services; and a private conference room.

Center clients may also qualify for special business incentive and finance programs: low interest loans; business finance training and consulting; tax incentives; and financing eligibility and application assistance. Tenants typically graduate from the Center within three to five years. Fifteen businesses have graduated from the Center to date, creating 76 jobs.

For more information regarding the available space in the Door County Business Development Center, located in the Sturgeon Bay Industrial Park, contact Mary Patrick, DCEDC Operations Manager at (920) 743-3113 x202 or mary@doorcountybusiness.com.

The Door County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) is a public/private partnership dedicated to improving the economic vitality of the county and its residents. Founded in 1989, DCEDC has been successful in helping existing businesses create and retain thousands of jobs through a myriad of programs and initiatives. Additionally, DCEDC places strong emphasis on fostering entrepreneurial instincts in county residents as well as those who vacation on the Door County Peninsula. Door County Economic Development Corporation offices are located within the small business incubator DCEDC founded in 1997 at 185 East Walnut Street in the Sturgeon Bay Industrial Park.