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New Manufacturer Comes to Door County with Assistance from DCEDC

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In early 2006, a new manufacturing company will begin operations in the Sturgeon Bay Industrial Park. Future Machine, Inc. is a start-up medical device manufacturer, located in the center section of the former Emerson Motors building, which will produce plastic and titanium screws and surgical implements. Company founder Mark Brunsvold brings his prior experience starting a similar company in Florida to Door County.

Future Machine Inc. is dedicated to machining the latest designs in the medical device industry, using sophisticated numerical controlled machines to produce surgical instruments and implants to exacting specifications. The company intends to market its services across a wide spectrum of medical companies. Future Machine is being assisted in financing their start-up costs through funding from the Revolving Loan Funds administered by the Door County Economic Development Corporation.

According to Brunsvold, "Future Machine Inc. intends to be a high volume manufacturer with quality our number one priority. In the short term, we anticipate having 20 employees and hope to have at least 75 in the course of five to seven years. We are confident that we will be a major employer for the Sturgeon Bay area."

Brunsvold was born in Milwaukee and grew up in St. Louis. He attended the University of Missouri-Rolla where he studied mechanical engineering. After school, he started his first company, a metal fabrication and machine business, with a partner. After eleven years, he left the company to pursue medical device machining and founded Machined Metals Inc.

Machined Metals began in a 1,200 square foot space with no employees. One year later, the company occupied 10,000 square feet and had eighteen employees. The growth continued for seven years until Arthrex Manufacturing, its biggest customer, purchased Machined Metals in 2001.

After leaving Arthrex as VP of manufacturing in 2002, Brunsvold founded Black Pearl Marine, a Florida yacht sales organization selling Post Yachts, Black Pearl Yachts and brokerage boats. Brunsvold, his wife Jesse, who has family in Door County, and their four young children are looking forward to their new life in the Sturgeon Bay area.

Future Machine, Inc. is using low interest loans from the DCEDC and County of Door Revolving Loan Funds administered by Door County Economic Development Corporation to purchase three pieces of equipment necessary for the establishment of the company. The Corporation's Board of Directors recently approved the DCEDC loan, and the County loan is awaiting approval from the County Board at their December 20th meeting. As part of the loan agreement, Future Machine will create twenty-four full-time equivalent jobs within three years.

"We welcome Future Machine, Inc. to Door County," said DCEDC Executive Director Bill Chaudoir. "Medical device manufacturers are high-tech firms with great prospects for growth. These are exactly the type of manufacturers the recent Door County Economic Development Adjustment Plan recommended we try to attract."

Founded in 1988, the Door County Economic Development Corporation is a public/private partnership dedicated to improving the economic vitality of the county and its residents. Door County Economic Development Corporation is located within the small business incubator DCEDC founded in 1997 at 185 East Walnut Street, Sturgeon Bay. For more information, please contact DCEDC at (920) 743-3113, on the web at www.doorcountybusiness.com or by email at bill@doorcountybusiness.com.