



City of
URBANDALE
Department of Economic Development

October 30, 2015

Two Weeks of Recognition for Urbandale Manufacturers

On October 13, Urbandale Mayor Bob Andeweg proclaimed the two weeks between October 13 – October 27 as a time to recognize the contributions of Urbandale manufacturers as part of [Manufacturing Day](#) events. Read the [Mayor's proclamation](#) here.

Last week, Director Debi Durham of the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Mayor Andeweg visited Urbandale's Quality Manufacturing Corporation and C & L Companies to express gratitude for their investment in Urbandale, learn about their operations, tour facilities and meet with employees.

At this week's City Council Meeting, Mayor Andeweg concluded Manufacturing Recognition Weeks during the Citizen's Forum when he was joined by seven Urbandale manufacturers. These companies alone employ hundreds of people in Urbandale. Employment in the Advanced Manufacturing sector in Urbandale grew by 6.1% between 2005 and 2015, significantly outpacing the national decline of 9.1% during the same time period. Jobs in the Advanced Manufacturing sector in Urbandale earn an average of \$73,340 per year, contributing to the community's high quality of life.

Data Hub and Industry Profiles Define Urbandale's Value Proposition

We continue to update our website with resources for decision-makers. New this month, a "[Data Hub](#)" is live on the Department's website. The Data Hub includes reports detailing Urbandale's community characteristics and demographics and local economic information such as an [existing business summary](#) and [retail marketplace gap analysis](#). Also making its debut is the "[Targeted Industries](#)" page, which includes critical information about Urbandale's targeted industries – [Advanced Manufacturing](#), [IT/Corporate Services](#), [Finance/Insurance](#), and [Warehouse/Distribution/Logistics](#). A [Retail](#) resource brochure is also available with essential information for retail and service providers considering investment in Urbandale.

Can't find the data you need? [Contact us](#) with your request.

Internship Funding Available through the Iowa Economic Development

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The [Iowa Student Internship Program](#) provides grants to small and medium-sized companies (under 500 employees) in the advanced manufacturing, biosciences and information technology industries to help support internship programs with a goal of transitioning the interns to full-time employment in Iowa after graduation. Awards are available up to \$3,100 for any single internship or \$9,300 for any single business and must be used to reimburse the company for intern wages only. The maximum award is an amount on a matching basis for a portion of the wages paid to an intern during the designated internship period such that for every two dollars of wages earned by the student, one dollar paid by the employer is matched by one dollar from the Authority. A company can apply for a maximum of three internships per fiscal year. Additional requirements apply; contact [Jennifer Meier](#) at IEDA for more information.

Approved, Issued, Opened in Urbandale

Urbandale provides many opportunities for commercial and residential investment. Below are some recent projects:

Site Plan Approved: Habitat for Humanity ReStore is reconstructing the parking lot and adding a building canopy to the existing 25,000 square foot building at 4033 N.W. Urbandale Drive. The ReStore is expected to open in 2016.

Site Plan Approved: Deerfield Retirement Community is constructing a 6,000 square foot multi-purpose room addition with parking and related improvements.

Final Plat Approved: *Myles Crest* for 14 residential lots on 9.6 acres

Final Plat Approved: *Northpoint* for eight residential lots on 5 acres

Final Plat Approved: *The Reserve Plat 2* for four commercial lots on 11.5 acres

Final Plat Approved: *Coyote Ridge* for 107 residential lots on 46.3 acres

Final Plat Approved: *Urban Hills* for 27 residential lots on 15.2 acres

Access Urbandale

- Interstate Access/Visibility
 - Five Interchanges
 - Financial Incentives
 - High Value
 - Dedicated City Leadership
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