

Governor Doyle Awards Tax Credits to Air Motion Systems

On October 6th, Governor Jim Doyle awarded \$250,000 in Technology Zone tax credits to Air Motion Systems (AMS), a new business in the Whitetail Ridge Corporate Park (River Falls, Wisconsin). In August, AMS completed its relocation from Colorado to River Falls and took possession of a new, 36,000 square foot headquarters and production facility. The facility is expected to be LEED certified at the 'Silver' level.

Commerce Secretary-designee Richard Leinenkugel was also part of the program at AMS. In September, Governor Doyle appointed Leinenkugel to lead Commerce, the state's top economic development agency. Commerce created the Technology Zone program in mid-2002 as a way to encourage the expansion and recruitment of high-tech companies to Wisconsin. State tax credits are awarded to high-tech companies that successfully combine a capital investment activity with job creation. AMS invested \$3.2 million in its facility and new equipment, and expects to create over 50 jobs.

AMS is a leading North American manufacturer of ultraviolet (UV) curing systems, infrared thermal air drying systems, and related accessories for the printing and packaging industries. The new facility is the company's base of operations for research, engineering, manufacturing, sales, service and support, and for custom-focused UV process training.

For more information, contact St. Croix EDC at (715) 381-4383.



(l-r) Secretary of Commerce Richard Leinenkugel, Hans Ulland, Executive Vice President of Air Motion Systems, Inc., Steve Metcalf, President and CEO of Air Motion Systems, Inc., and Governor Jim Doyle



(l-r) Steve Metcalf, President and CEO of Air Motion Systems, Inc. explains the ultraviolet curing technology to Secretary of Commerce Richard Leinenkugel and State Representative Kitty Rhoades. AMS is a leading North American manufacturer of UV curing systems and related accessories for the printing and packaging industries.