

## **Brehmer Mfg Announces Governor / NDED Approval of CDBG ... Company Needs Employees to Help Meet International Demand for Multiple Product Lines**

Lyons, Nebraska (June 21, 2011) – Brehmer Mfg Inc. has announced that Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman and the Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development have officially approved Brehmer Mfg's request for community development grant funds effective June 15, 2011.

“We were fortunate to have a lot of new international business, and needed to expand quickly, and wouldn't have been able to grow at the pace we wanted to without the grant,” said president / CEO Joe Brehmer. “People like Jeff Christensen with the NNEDD, and Patty Plugge with Burt County Economic Development were very helpful in moving the project forward.”

Brehmer Mfg's business model is unique in the fact that it is a small business that has thrived on operating multiple business units in diverse industries. The company began in 1974 by designing and manufacturing its own line of truck equipment and custom products. The recent international growth of the business is due largely to its strategic alliances with other firms that specialize in the marketing and sales of niche products. Joe Brehmer commented, “We've built some products for international customers in the past, but things have really picked up in the last year or two ... especially in tire recycling and organic food processing equipment.”

Brehmer Mfg designs and manufactures tire recycling equipment for Eagle International LLC, stainless hog feeders for AJ O'Mara Group LLC, and added the Australian “Alligator” line of stainless grain mills for use in organic, nutraceutical, and pharmaceutical industries.

Presently, Brehmer is adding (8000) square feet of manufacturing space, and (8) additional employees that will serve to support growth for each of these business units. The company also has future plans that include a phased growth strategy over the next (10-12) years that will add another (28,000) square feet of manufacturing space, and another (20-25) employees.

The city of Lyons has been very supportive of Brehmer Mfg's efforts to create jobs and help to stimulate the local economy. Lyons Mayor Andy Fuston commented that, “This is a prime

example of city government and private business working hand in hand to help better a community. It's what folks in small towns are best at – helping one another. In order to grow our community, both the public and private sector must be willing to take risks. Brehmer Mfg has taken the risk and the city is right there to support it all the way. Brehmer Mfg is committed to growing its business as well as being a great community partner. Lyons is proud to have them as a jewel in its crown.”

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