

### **Lauridsen Group, Inc. Plans Major Investment in Ankeny**

The Ankeny City Council took action last month to support Lauridsen Group, Inc. in its planned expansion. The company is considering an investment of \$8.7 million in a 21,000 square foot new research and development building and addition of 16 new jobs. The new facility will be on the company's corporate campus in the LGI Business Park just east of the I-35 and Oralabor Road interchange.

*LGI developed a 35 acre business and science park in 2003 which became home to its 27,000 square foot corporate headquarters. The company and its subsidiaries operate more than 40 facilities primarily engaged in manufacturing edible and non-edible protein products. Subsidiaries include [Proliant](#) and [APC](#).*

The City will provide a combination of tax abatement and rebates for seven years through the City's Local Business Investment Policy adopted in September 2010. LGI is the fifth local company to receive property tax incentives since the policy was adopted last fall. The expansions represent over \$28 million in investment and over 70 new jobs.

The Local Business Investment Policy sets general guidelines for incentives that can be tailored for specific projects based on the number of jobs and/or size of investment a company makes.

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### **Two Ankeny Companies Among Iowa's Best Places to Work**

The *Des Moines Register* recently announced the list of companies included on the statewide daily's recognition of Iowa's top work places. Ankeny-based [Perishable Distributors of Iowa](#) and Des Moines Area Community College were number one and two respectively in the "large company" category.

The winning companies were chosen based on feedback that came directly from employees of about 120 companies across Iowa. Employees were asked questions about their workplace experiences and those companies that scored high were named to the list of best work places.

The *Register* profiled each business recognized as a top workplace in a [special section](#) on September 18, 2011. PDI employees noted a strong sense of family among their co-workers as well as good pay, benefits and opportunities to advance their careers. DMACC president Rob Denson attributed the College's success to the quality of the people on staff.

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### Ankeny Business Fast Fact

This company is an independent packaging products distribution company headquartered in the Midwest. The Ankeny location of this nationwide business is a 55,000 square foot office and distribution facility. The company provides consulting services, equipment and supplies to the packaging industry.

This month's business is [Shorr Packaging](#).

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