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Automatic Products to Locate in BridgePoint

Automatic Products International, a worldwide leading manufacturer of glass front combination vending machines, has relocated an office to South St. Paul. The company will be occupying space in the BridgePoint Business Center developed by Langer Real Estate in the BridgePoint Business Park. The company will be creating 25 jobs in the community.

The 9,000sf facility will provide sales and new product development for the company. In addition to its presence in North America, Automatic Products also has offices in the United Kingdom to serve its customers in 40 countries. Automatic Products International is a subsidiary of Crane Merchandising Systems.

With the recent announcement of the 27 acre stockyard redevelopment effort and the soon to be completed Wakota Bridge, South St. Paul continues to be an attractive location for office and light industrial development. New development has created over 80,000sf of new office and industrial space on the market in South St. Paul with another 50,000sf slated for construction this fall.

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