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Sheyenne Dakota, Inc. Expands With Assistance From USDA

Sheyenne Dakota, Inc., founded in 1996 and based in West Fargo, North Dakota, is a wire and cable harness manufacturer of electrical harnesses for virtually every industry: construction, agricultural, trucking, electric, research, and recreational. In 2013, the company had an interest in expanding to a smaller community. Through their exploration, they found the community of De Smet, South Dakota. The community had a 10,000 square foot spec building available in their industrial park and they had an engaged workforce.

In the spring of 2013, the De Smet manufacturing facility opened utilizing the spec building that was built in 2009 as a project of the De Smet Development Corporation. De Smet Development Corporation constructed the spec building with the assistance of USDA Rural Development’s Rural Business Enterprise Grant funds. In addition, East River Electric’s Rural Electric Economic Development Fund (REED) lent De Smet Development Corporation USDA Rural Development’s Intermediary Relending Program funds they had been awarded to upgrade the spec building and accommodate the move to De Smet. Sheyenne Dakota, Inc. eventually purchased the renovated facility from De Smet Development Corporation.

Today, Sheyenne Dakota, Inc. has 24 employees working in this state-of-the-art manufacturing plant.



The above photos shows cable harness' manufactured at Sheyenne Dakota, Inc. in De Smet, South Dakota.

Obligation Amount: \$99,000 RBEG

Date of Obligation: 2010

Congressional District: At Large, Senator Thune, Senator Rounds, and Congresswoman Noem

Partners: Sheyenne Dakota, Inc., De Smet Development Corporation, and USDA Rural Development

Demographics: De Smet is best know for Little House on the Prairie where you can journey into the life and history of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Other attractions include Manchester Monument, The Garden of Remembrance, Depot Museum/Harvey Dunn School, and pheasant hunting.

Impact: The spec building was a perfect fit to house the business’ state-of-the-art equipment and the 14 jobs that were created through the expansion.