

Building a Stronger Milwaukee

Department of City Development NEWS

Tom Barrett, Mayor



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Milwaukee is a news digest representing our work in the community to help shape the city's future.

Under the direction of Mayor Tom Barrett and in partnership with the Milwaukee Common Council, the Department of City Development works each day in a variety of ways to guide development, grow opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods.

Rocky Marcoux
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Ingeteam to construct its first North American factory in Milwaukee

Ingeteam, a Spanish alternative energy company, will construct its first North American manufacturing facility in Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley. Mayor Tom Barrett announced the details of the project at a news conference Tuesday, February 16. Ingeteam expects to employ about 60 people when the plant opens in 2011, with employment growing to 275 within five years.



Ingeteam will manufacture electric generators for wind turbines and converters for green energy at its Milwaukee plant. The company received a federal allocation of clean-tech manufacturing tax credits earlier this year.

City Development Commissioner Rocky Marcoux and Wisconsin Commerce Secretary Richard Leinenkugel joined representatives of the Milwaukee 7 regional economic development initiative and WE Energies to promote Milwaukee's assets during a visit to Ingeteam at its headquarters near Bilbao, Spain last fall.

Milwaukee captures \$36 million to battle foreclosure

The City of Milwaukee has been awarded a \$25 million federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant to return approximately 1,000 vacant, foreclosed homes to productive use. In addition, Habitat for Humanity was awarded an \$11 million grant to build new homes in central city neighborhoods.



The grants were announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development last month. The funds will extend work begun in 2008, when Milwaukee received a \$9.2 million NSP grant.

The City's NSP funds will be used to provide loans and grants to buyers to purchase and renovate foreclosed properties. Funds also will be used for selective demolition of homes that cannot be renovated, redevelopment of vacant lots, acquiring and mothballing properties for future redevelopment, and creating a loan pool to provide credit for the purchase and renovation of foreclosed properties.

Detailed information about Milwaukee's foreclosure initiatives, and information about resources available to people and developers who wish to purchase and renovate foreclosed properties, is available at www.milwaukeehousinghelp.org.

Marcus Theater proposes downtown cinema

Marcus Corporation has announced plans to build a multi-screen movie theater in the Park East corridor. The cinema would occupy space in a new building constructed on Milwaukee County-owned riverfront property just west of Water Street between E. Knapp and E. Cherry Streets. The building housing a multi-screen theater also would contain a 10-story office building, a parking structure, and retail uses.



Nominations welcome for Mayor's Design Awards

Mayor Tom Barrett annually presents Mayor's Design Awards to recognize exceptional places in the city of Milwaukee and outstanding contributions to the creation of those places by individuals or organizations. Nominations for the 2010 awards are due March 10, 2010.

Visit the Mayor's Design Awards [web site](#) for award categories and nomination information



Marquette University projects bring major investment

Marquette University will begin construction March 5 on a new engineering building, the Discovery Learning Complex. The five-story, 115,000 sq. ft. structure, containing laboratories, classrooms, offices and common space, will be built on the south side of W. Wisconsin Ave. between N. 16th and N. 17th Streets. Occupancy is anticipated in August 2011.

The engineering building (*top photo*) is the third major structure added to the Marquette campus in the last several years. A variety of student services functions and university offices recently moved into Zilber Hall (*bottom left*), a new 130,000 sq. ft. building located at 12th and Wisconsin. Eckstein Hall (*bottom right*), which will provide new quarters for Marquette's law school, is on schedule for a fall 2010 opening.



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