



## **Neenah helps Derby with plant expansion**

### **Industrial revenue bonds used by city to assist businesses**

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NEENAH – Derby Molded Products Inc. plans to embark on a \$3.5 million expansion this spring. The company, which manufactures injection-molded plastic products like five-gallon pails, will build a 22,500-square-foot addition onto its 15,000-square-foot facility at 565 Jensen Road in the South-park Industrial Center. The city will help finance the project through the issuance of \$3.5 million in industrial development revenue bonds.

Derby owner James Janes said the tax-exempt status of the bonds is important to the company. "Over a 20-year bonding period, that saves us about \$1 million, which we can then put into new capital investment, new equipment, more people," Janes said.

Mayor George Scherck said the issuance of industrial revenue bonds is one of the tools the city can use to assist businesses. He said Derby's expansion is welcome news for Neenah, particularly after the plant closures announced recently by Glatfelter and Kimberly-Clark Corp.

"This is a significant project that has no risk to the city, but it has significant benefit to the city," he said. Scherck said the city's participation demonstrates "we fully support the growth and expansion of our local industry."

Janes said the addition will cost \$1.1 million, and new equipment and the extension of a railroad siding will cost another \$2.4 million. He said eight jobs will be created through the expansion. Derby currently employs 13 people.

Director of Community Development Bob Buckingham said the expansion will start this month and will be complete by mid-summer. As part of the expansion, Derby will make downspout splash blocks and permeable pavement systems for the landscaping division of Presto Products Co. in Appleton. Derby also makes products for Banta Corp., Galloway Co. and Menasha Packaging Co.