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2013 GREAT FOR INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION IN HALSTEAD

2013 has been a great year for expansion in Halstead, Kansas. A local company announced earlier this year they were expanding into an existing vacant building. And, in November, new company has selected Halstead for their next expansion.

MARTIN MACHINE & WELDING

Martin Machine & Welding, founded in 1986, has been located in Halstead at its current site at 900 North Street for over 20 years. They provide a variety of services that include machining, welding, cutting, fabrication, sandblasting and powder coating. With the purchase of the former Patrick Industries building in Halstead they will manufacture the exterior steel hull for, Halstead's most recent announcement, A Box 4 U. Originally, Martin Machine & Welding intended to hire between four and six new employees. As of November, they have exceeded this and now employ eight individuals.

A BOX 4 U

At the November Halstead City Council meeting, an incentive package for a new manufacturer looking at Halstead for their expansion project was presented. The project included up to 60 new jobs and \$1,250,000 capital investment in the former Skyline Building that has stood vacant for several years. The Council approved the package which will bring *A Box 4 U*, a manufacturer of blast-resistant buildings and storage boxes to Halstead. *A Box 4 U* was founded in 1998 and is located at 4340 S West Street in Wichita. It is a direct result of their business partnership with Lonnie Martin and Martin Machine & Welding, that they chose Halstead for this expansion project. Their leadership worked closely with the City of Halstead, the Harvey County EDC and the State of Kansas to make this project a possibility.

Congratulations to the City of Halstead on their continued industrial growth and expansion.