

Carry-On Trailer expands in Missouri Valley



Mike Bloun of IDED tours Carry-On Trailer factory

from left are: Bob Smith, Sherman Struble, Blouin, Scott Cihacek, and Carry-On CEO James Pearson.

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The Carry-On Trailer company is expanding in Missouri Valley, Iowa. In this expansion 100 jobs will be retained and 100 will be created. Renea Anderson, Executive Director for Harrison County Development Corporation (HCDC), has been helping with expansion plans for the last year. Things really got into full swing late last summer. By working with the Iowa Department of Economic Development, Anderson was able to help the company secure a \$300,000 forgivable loan. Anderson also brought NIPCO to the table and then Carry-On was able to receive a \$150,000 low interest loan from the utility even though the project is not currently, nor will it be after the expansion, on NIPCO lines. MidAmerican Energy is the utility for the company in both sites in Missouri Valley and they are helping with the cost of extending gas and electric service to the new location. Their commitment to the project is \$30,000. The City of Missouri Valley is planning to TIF the area it is also located in an Enterprise Zone.

This project will have tremendous impact not only on Missouri Valley, but Harrison County as a whole. SW Iowa is strengthened every time a company such as Carry-On shows their commitment to this area and the people who live here.