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National Site-Selection Firm Certifies Siouxland Site

CH2MHill approves site in South Sioux City, NE as shovel ready

South Sioux City, NE – CH2M HILL, a nationally-recognized firm specializing in assisting companies in locating expansion projects, recently announced the certification of a South Sioux City business park. The certification program requires that land being developed as a potential location for company expansion go through a rigorous checklist to ensure that the site has all the necessary infrastructure, zoning, and other characteristics needed for development. Community stakeholders were required to pull together resources, prepare for and host a site visit by CH2M HILL, and answer extensive questions as to the specifics of the site. Certification allows local economic developers to market the site as shovel ready, which companies and consultants look for when considering possible sites for expansion.

Site certification is the basis for marketing an inventory of “certified” properties that meet a certain set of pre-determined criteria in order to decrease development time and risk to an expanding company because more is known about the property under consideration.

An eighty-acre site in the 500 acre Roth industrial Park, South Sioux City NE was certified. William Hearn, Senior Technologist for CH2M HILL and the person responsible for the certification of the site congratulated the community for the accomplishment and stated that CH2M HILL firmly believes that the site is worthy of the certified designation. Hearn also stated that the time, talents and resources allocated for the site’s preparation for certification was an investment well spent.

Debi Durham, President of The Siouxland Initiative, explained “This certification allows us as regional economic developers to go out and aggressively market this site as shovel ready to companies looking to expand. With communities across the country and world competing for a limited number of expansion projects, this certification gives us an advantage when vying for these opportunities.”

Chris McGowan, Executive Vice-President of The Siouxland Initiative, noted that with this certification, Siouxland has a portfolio of certified sites in each of the three states that make up the Siouxland Metro area. McGowan, who heads up TSI’s efforts to market sites worldwide, also noted that this is further evidence of the commitment of South Sioux City to continued growth and expansion.