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Westermeyer Industries Inc. is located along Route 100 just outside of Bluffs. Founded by Gary Westermeyer in 2001, the company has grown at a fast pace.

The company specializes in the manufacturing and fabrication of air conditioning and refrigeration components. In 2010, work began on a 30,000 sq. ft. addition to their already 45,000 sq. ft. facility.



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Illinois Rural Board of Directors visited Westermeyer last month.

The expansion was made possible in part through a 10 year, \$740,000 secured loan from Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative and the USDA's Rural Utilities Service. The loan was part of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program by Rural Utilities Services. The loan application was made by Illinois Rural on behalf of Westermeyer Industries. Guidelines for the RUS loan are provided by the USDA. The loan went towards purchasing equipment to improve various manufacturing processes.

The additional 30,000 sq. ft. created 50 new jobs at Westermeyer for a current total of 90 employees. Westermeyer employs people from every county in our service territory. As the company continues to grow, they will be looking to hire more employees. Westermeyer runs two shifts with the first beginning at six in the morning. Westermeyer works with other local businesses, such as Jacksonville Machine, to produce parts. The components Westermeyer produces are shipped all over the world.



Board President Robert Brown with Gary Westermeyer.

Government changes in emission standards for refrigerants keep the components in constant demand. Westermeyer was chosen by Inc. magazine as one of the 5,000 fastest growing companies in the world.

For more information on Westermeyer Industries visit them on the web at www.westermeyerind.com. For information on the REDLG loan go to our website, www.e-co-op.com.

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