

Date of Announcement	Account ID: Account Name	Account ID: City	Business News Summary	Source Picklist
11/19/2014	ATK Ammunition Systems	Anoka	Alliant Techsystems Inc. directors gave the go-ahead for the merger with Virginia-based Orbital Sciences Corp. despite last month's explosion of an unmanned rocket built by Orbital.	Star Tribune
11/13/2014	Donaldson Co Inc	Bloomington	Donaldson Co. Inc. said Wednesday that it will close an Iowa muffler plant and shift the work to a factory in Alabama.	MSP Business Journal
11/13/2014	The Nerderly	Bloomington	The Nerderly has gone west. The Bloomington-based Web software and mobile app developer opened its fourth office in Phoenix, where it wants to hire more than 150 employees during the next four years.	MSP Business Journal
11/19/2014	The Nerderly	Bloomington	Growing tech company The Nerderly will add 100 jobs to its downtown Kansas City, Mo., office over the next five years, the Kansas City Business Journal reports.	MSP Business Journal
10/28/2014	Tornier US	Bloomington	Tornier has been sold to Wright Medical Group Inc. in an all-stock deal worth \$3.3 billion. The combined company will operate as Wright Medical. Tornier CEO David Mowry will serve as president and chief operating officer.	MSP Business Journal
11/24/2014	HealthPartners Inc	Bloomington	Health Partners will build a 130,000 square-foot neuroscience center near Regions Hospital in St. Paul. A final budget hasn't been prepared, but	MSP Business Journal

			construction is expected to begin in spring and wrap up by early 2017. The facility will be the largest of its kind in the Upper Midwest, treating conditions like stroke, dementia, Parkinson's disease, and brain tumors.	
11/20/2014	Volt Workforce Solutions	Chanhassen	Volt - On Site hiring at Emerson Process Management. They will start moving to Shakopee at end of Feb, beginning of March 2015, per Alexis Modo, recruiter	Other
11/6/2014	Snap Fitness Inc	Chanhassen	Snap Fitness on Thursday will announce expansions in India and the United Kingdom with partners that expect to develop several hundred fitness centers in each country.	Star Tribune
11/24/2014	Running Aces Harness Park	Columbus	The horse track and card room in Columbus has announced that Taro Ito is its new CEO and president.	MSP Business Journal
12/1/2014	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Duluth	Kevin Beardsley has been named the new chief financial officer, succeeding John Kubow, who is retiring after a 28-year career with the Port Authority. He is just the third CFO in the history of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority.	Other
11/6/2014	Arcserve	Eden Prairie	A newly independent data-protection company, with sales of over \$100 million, is setting up shop in Eden Prairie with plans to hire 100 people by next spring.	MSP Business Journal

11/19/2014	ValueVision Media Inc	Eden Prairie	There isn't much about ValueVision that hasn't changed in the past six months: New board, new CEO and now a new name: Evine Live.	MSP Business Journal
12/1/2014	CH Robinson Worldwide Inc	Eden Prairie	C.H. Robinson will pay \$365 million cash for Kansas City-based Freightquote.com, one of the nation's largest Internet freight brokers, in a deal expected to close in 2015's first quarter pending regulatory approval.	Star Tribune
12/1/2014	Benchmark QA	Edina	IT consultancy Hollstadt & Associates Inc. said Monday it bought BenchmarkQA Inc., an Edina-based software-testing, staffing and training firm.	MSP Business Journal
10/28/2014	Optum Health	Golden Valley	UnitedHealth Group's data services business, Optum, has acquired a provider of case management and wellness services for \$600 million in cash. Massachusetts-based Alere Health's services are used by more than 200 regional and local health plans and 89 Fortune 500 companies in 29 states.	Star Tribune
12/2/2014	Preferred One	Golden Valley	CEO Marcus Merz will retire at the end of the year. Merz has been PreferredOne's chief executive officer since joining the company thirty years ago. Paul Geiwitz, the company's chief marketing officer, will take over January 1 as interim CEO.	Pioneer Press
10/30/2014	BTD Manufacturing Inc	Lakeville	BTD Manufacturing is about to embark on a \$12.1 million expansion project in Lakeville. The Detroit Lakes-based metalworking company will add	MSP Business Journal

			another 200,000 square feet to its 193,000-square-foot facility at 21350 Cedar Avenue in Lakeville	
10/30/2014	BTD Manufacturing Inc	Lakeville	The Lakeville City Council approved a request for tax increment financing on Oct. 23. The TIF will generate \$1.08 million. Construction will begin this year. The newly-expanded facility will generate 100 additional jobs	MSP Business Journal
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11/19/2014	Vascular Solutions Inc	Maple Grove	Obviously nobody ever wants to be indicted for anything, but if it has to happen, try to swing it so the news doesn't break just when you're asking the government for \$800,000 in corporate subsidies	MSP Business Journal
11/13/2014	Vascular Solutions Inc	Maple Grove	In a rare criminal indictment of a health care executive, a Texas grand jury has charged the chief executive of a large Minnesota med-tech firm with conspiring to sell a varicose-vein treatment device for unapproved uses.	Star Tribune
12/2/2014	Vascular Solutions Inc	Maple Grove	Vascular Solutions Inc. has completed the \$7.2 million purchase of its manufacturing facility in	MSP Business Journal

			Maple Grove and said it plans to move ahead with a \$4.5 million renovation of the building without the help of a grant from DEED. Vascular Solutions was nearing a deal for an \$800,000 package of job-creation grants last November, but DEED withdrew the subsidy when the company was charged with eight counts of selling an unapproved medical device and one count of conspiracy.	
12/1/2014	Proto Labs Inc	Maple Plain	Proto Labs Inc. has named long-time health care industry executive John Way its chief financial officer.	MSP Business Journal
11/13/2014	Polaris Industries Inc	Medina	Polaris Industries Inc. said Wednesday that it has bought assets of LSI Products Inc. and Armor Holdings, which make and sell accessories for the ATV market under the Pro Armor brand.	MSP Business Journal
12/1/2014	Hollstadt & Associates Inc	Mendota Heights	IT consultancy Hollstadt & Associates Inc. bought Edina-based BenchmarkQA Inc., a software-testing, staffing, and training firm. The deal marks the 24-year-old company's first acquisition.	MSP Business Journal
11/6/2014	Allina Health System	Minneapolis	Allina Health will cut an undisclosed number of jobs as it tries to trim \$100 million in expenses.	MSP Business Journal
11/5/2014	Itek Energy	Minneapolis	Itek Energy, a solar panel maker in Bellingham, Wash., says it plans to open a manufacturing plant in south Minneapolis in early 2015.	Star Tribune

11/4/2014	Target Corp	Minneapolis	On Tuesday, the Minneapolis-based retailer announced it would close 11 stores, including one in Austin, Minn.	Star Tribune
11/5/2014	Bio-Techne	Minneapolis	Several months ahead of schedule, Bio-Techne Corp. has agreed to acquire Connecticut's CyVek for \$60 million in cash and debt, plus future payments if revenue targets are achieved.	Star Tribune
11/11/2014	Allina Health System	Minneapolis	Kenneth Paulus will retire as president and CEO of Allina Health at the end of the year, the health system said Tuesday. He will be succeeded by Dr. Penny Wheeler, Minneapolis-based Allina's president and chief clinical officer.	MSP Business Journal
11/7/2014	Creative Kidstuff - Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Much like her company's name, Roberta Bonoff is creative with the toy business she runs. Bonoff, the CEO of Minneapolis-based Creative Kidstuff, just wrapped up an 18-month stretch in which the iconic local toy-store chain acquired an online toy retailer, opened a pop-up Mall of America store and launched a TV show that it hopes will become nationally syndicated.	MSP Business Journal
11/13/2014	Target Corp	Minneapolis	Target has acquired a Pittsburgh company that says its software platform brings "an Amazon-like shopping experience" to in-store customers. Powered Analytics co-founder Collin Otis and a spokesman for Target confirmed the deal Wednesday. Terms were not disclosed.	Star Tribune

11/21/2014	US Bancorp - HQ	Minneapolis	U.S. Bancorp, the nation's largest regional lender, plans to add as many as 4,500 jobs by the end of 2015.	Star Tribune
11/3/2014	Code42	Minneapolis	As it plans to hire 400 more employees and invest \$70 million in Minneapolis over the next few years, Code42 Software Inc. has asked for \$3 million of economic development assistance from the state to help finance its expansion and headquarters move.	MSP Business Journal
12/1/2014	Nye's Polonaise Room	Minneapolis	The owners of Nye's Polonaise Room told their 35 employees that they plan to close the bar next year due to declining business. Nye's will close in late summer or early fall. In 2006, Nye's was named the best bar in America by Esquire Magazine.	MSP Business Journal
11/14/2014	Entrust Datacard	Minnetonka	Datacard will partner with Inver Hills Community College to develop training for 697 employees. Coursework will cover a variety of specialized needs.	MN DEED
11/4/2014	Entrust Datacard	Minnetonka	Minnetonka-based Datacard Group has changed its name to Entrust Datacard following its acquisition of Dallas-based Entrust Inc.	MSP Business Journal
11/12/2014	UnitedHealth Group Inc	Minnetonka	Minnetonka-based UnitedHealth Group announced changes Wednesday to its lineup of top executives, including the departure of executive vice president Gail Boudreaux.	Star Tribune

11/17/2014	Cargill Inc	Minnetonka	Cargill Inc. said it will sell its St. Boniface, Manitoba, feed mill to a customer and shutter the mill in Brandon, Manitoba, outright.	MSP Business Journal
12/3/2014	Digi International Inc	Minnetonka	Digi International Inc. has named former PeopleNet top executive Ron Konezny as its president and CEO effective Dec. 17.	MSP Business Journal
12/1/2014	Lakeside Foods - Plainview	Plainview	December 1 was the day that about 93 employees were scheduled to be laid off at Lakeside Foods in Plainview. The layoffs were originally announced in September. The plant still employs about 80 full-time people along with seasonal employees.	Rochester Post-Bulletin
11/10/2014	Cenveo Inc	Plymouth	A printing company will close its Minneapolis plant and eliminate 112 jobs. Cenveo Corp. will permanently close its commercial printing facility at 121 12th Ave. S. by the end of March, according to a mass layoff warning sent to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and obtained by the Business Journal.	MSP Business Journal
11/14/2014	Arctic Cat Inc	Plymouth	Arctic Cat has named Christopher Metz as its new president and chief executive. Metz will officially start his new role on Dec. 3.	Star Tribune
11/13/2014	Monteris Medical	Plymouth	Monteris Medical Corp. has raised \$30 million in equity financing, the Plymouth-based medical technology developer said Thursday.	MSP Business Journal

12/1/2014	Interrad Medical Inc	Plymouth	Interrad Medical Inc., which makes an anchor-like medical device that holds catheters in place, has closed on \$7.5 million in financing. The Plymouth-based company will use the funds to open a European headquarters in Cardiff, Wales, and expand international sales.	MSP Business Journal
11/4/2014	Covidien - Plymouth MN	Plymouth	Covidien has reached a deal to see off a drug-coated balloon product developed at its Plymouth operations to a Colorado med-tech company for \$30 million. The buyer, The Spectranetics Corp., plans to consolidate some operations at a new Twin Cities office after the deal closes.	MSP Business Journal
12/2/2014	Walgreens	Rogers	Is in the process of shutting down its regional distribution center in Rogers, eliminating 68 jobs as it shifts the work to a facility in Windsor, Wis.	MSP Business Journal
11/17/2014	Oceantech	St Louis Park	OceanTech, a two-man electronic-waste recycler at inception in 2005, is putting up electric numbers as it takes bigger jobs decommissioning and reselling equipment from large firms and data centers.	Star Tribune
12/2/2014	Talenti	St Paul	European food giant Unilever has purchased Minneapolis-based Talenti Gelato & Sorbetto.	MSP Business Journal
11/10/2014	Interstate Partners LLC	St Paul	South St. Paul has a deal to buy the Dakota Premium Foods site, the last of the meat-packing plants that once flourished in the city, and sell it to developer Interstate Partners.	MSP Business Journal

11/20/2014	Securian Financial Group Inc	St Paul	Securian Financial Group has reached an agreement to purchase a majority stake in Chicago-based Asset Allocation & Management Company (AAM) from a private equity fund.	Star Tribune
10/30/2014	Halcon Corp	Stewartville	Halcon Furniture will break ground on a new 14,990-square-foot showroom and administrative building. The company will add at least 12 new jobs. The total project cost is \$2.9 million. DEED has awarded a \$175,000 grant to assist with the project.	Rochester Post-Bulletin
11/4/2014	Wells Concrete Products Company	Wells	Wells Concrete announced it has acquired the Maple Grove office and production facilities of Hanson Structural Precast. Terms were not disclosed. As part of the deal, Wells will relocate its Golden Valley sales, engineering, and construction services offices to the Maple Grove location. There are no plans to eliminate positions.	St. Cloud Times
10/31/2014	Hy-Vee Inc	West Des Moines	Bought land in Oakdale that will be the site of its 2 nd Twin Cities store. A 12-acre tract of vacant land at the intersection of Interstate 694 and 10th Street was purchased for \$3.1M.	MSP Business Journal
11/7/2014	Fastenal Co	Winona	Will Oberton, Fastenal's CEO since 2002, plans to resign effective Dec. 31. The board elected Fastenal President Leland Hein Jr. to take the reins as CEO effective Jan. 1, 2015.	Winona Daily News