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BUSINESS

Grand Haven manufacturer awarded \$262K in federal investments

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Grand Haven lighting and power manufacturer LightCorp was awarded \$262,600 to remove skylights and upgrade roof installation as part of a federal investment from the Department of Energy’s Office Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, U.S. Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-Grand Rapids) announced Thursday.

Grand Rapids Rapid-Line Inc. will also receive \$248,282 to install a solar photovoltaic system and implement compressed air measures.

Both investments will help the two businesses lower their energy bills, slash emissions and improve operations, Scholten said.

“West Michigan is a manufacturing powerhouse, and these investments will help our region move toward a cleaner future,” the West Michigan congresswoman said. “Green energy is the way of the future, and I’m so proud to have played a role in securing these investments. Now, LightCorp and Rapid-Line will join other

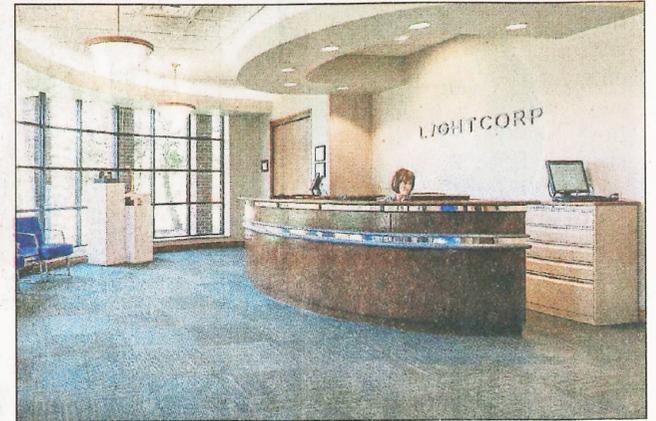


small- and medium-sized manufacturers across the country in saving energy, reducing carbon pollution, lowering costs and strengthening our domestic manufacturing sector. I’m thrilled to see the Investing in America agenda continue benefiting West Michigan, and I look forward to bringing even more of our tax dollars back home.”

In June 2023, LightCorp Senior Codes and Compliance Officer Melissa Beall was researching grants for the company to apply for

when she found this one from the Department of Energy. To apply, they needed to have a DOE Industrial Assessment Center, which are located at colleges across the country, conduct a full assessment of their facility. Beall contacted the location at Michigan State University and scheduled an assessment, hoping to be one of the 10-15 businesses they audit each year.

In April, the assessment was completed. By July, the application was sent to the DOE. LightCorp found out



Courtesy photos

LightCorp has been making lighting and power products at their current location in Grand Haven since 1994.



that they would be receiving the grant about two weeks ago.

“We’re pretty excited,” said Beall. “It’s quite a significant grant that we’re getting, so it certainly helps as a small business.”

Beall encourages others to apply for grants like the one LightCorp received.

“I believe it’s available

for any small business, so there’s more opportunities out there for other companies,” she said.

LightCorp, located at 14800 172nd Ave. in Grand Haven, has been manufacturing lighting, power and accessory products since 1986.

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