 Samantha's Pizza and Restaurant in Grand Rapids has completed renovations that have doubled the building’s capacity from 140 to 280 people. The renovation process started two and a half years ago, but of late, there have been significant changes to the physical structure of the building. Changes to the building include 40% more space with the addition of a private party room, new bar area and larger kitchen. The private party room seats 48 people and has its own buffet. The main buffet in the restaurant has also grown to include more vegetables and pasta.

When asked what else would be important to know about the restaurant, Santina Jerulle stated, “Family and community.” Tony and Santina wanted to recognize Maria Jerulle, Seth Childs, Jeremy Powers and Katie Suan. With more than 20 years of experience between them, they were instrumental in the process of transforming the Grand Rapids location. They also acknowledged the community’s patience as the building was closed.

“We thank Grand Rapids for being so patient,” said Tony.

To contact Sammy’s Pizza and Restaurant, call 218-326-8551.

“Today’s passage of USMCA follows a modern Italian restaurant, which includes strong digital trade details supporting international small- and medium-sized businesses and e-commerce exporters,” Jovita Carranza said.

Promotes small business, including in government procurement, allowing another way to grow their customer base and expand.

Protects innovators’ intellectual property.

Eliminates local presence requirements for cross-border service providers, benefitting small businesses by removing the burden of opening a foreign office to do business.

The USMCA follows President Trump’s priority to put America first and its strong protections specific to small businesses, job creators that represent over 99% of U.S. businesses—level the playing field and unlock opportunities for those that have yet to tap foreign markets,” added SBA’s Great Lakes Regional Administrator Rob Scott. “It will support thousands of new jobs, notably in the automotive, manufacturing and agriculture sectors which are key drivers of our nation’s economy,” U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Jovita Carranza said.

“The USMCA paves way for American small businesses to better compete globally. Protections are in development when regulation begins, so small business should expect the service, procurement, presence requirements, and intellectual property protections specific to small businesses. The USMCA includes the first-ever chapter dedicated to small business and will enforce new U.S.-Mexico property protections, bolster intellectual property protections, and support small businesses engaging in digital trade.

Additionally, USMCA removes burdensome regulations, reduces duplicative red tape, and lowers costs that will help the 30 million U.S. small businesses that employ half the private-sector workforce and create all new jobs, to better compete globally,” President Trump continues to follow through on his commitment to modernize and implement free and fair-trade agreements that greatly benefit our nation. This is another example of the President’s insight into our economy and his unwavering support of U.S. small businesses.”

The USMCA’s dedicated Small and Medium Enterprise chapter, which is a first for any U.S. trade agreement establishes a committee on SME issues comprised of government officials from each country. Additional provisions simplify customs and trade rules and reduce barriers and costs small businesses have faced. The USMCA specifically:

Cuts red tape at the border and encourages small businesses to compete effectively without unnecessary red tape.

Ensures that SMEs receive specialized assistance.

This change has allowed our facilities to continue the positive, collaborative environments that lie beyond our front doors every day,” said Peter McDonnell, president and CEO of MDI. “From transportation to self-sufficiency at work and home, this is just one more way that we can empower our employees and provide them a future.

Nonprofit manufacturer MDI recently installed new doors at all four of its facilities in Minneapolis, Hibbing, Grand Rapids and Cohasset, thanks in large part to private donors. While a seemingly small change, the new doors represent a continued commitment to create an inclusive work environment that allows people with disabilities to fully integrate and work beside their colleagues. The new doors are ADA-compliant and slide open on a sensor—an improvement from the previous manual, swinging doors which required assistance to open for easier access.

All facilities received ADA-compliant sliding doors for improved accessibility.
Industries here in this region. Small businesses represent approximately 96% of all exporting firms nationally, with roughly 82,000 small businesses exporting to Canada and 53,000 exporting to Mexico. In the Great Lakes Region, which includes Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin, 87% of the businesses that export are small and amount to more than 68,000 total. Further, the region’s total annual receipts for exports to Canada and Mexico exceed $1.28 billion.

With two-thirds of the world’s purchasing power in foreign countries, expanding markets through trade is one strategy for small businesses to generate and sustain businesses and economic growth. In FY 19, the SBA helped approximately 900 small businesses that export by backing more than a total of $3 billion in loans to them. Via SBA’s assistance, small businesses can more easily find their next customers in Canada and Mexico and every corner of the world.

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