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### MDI adds 160 jobs at locations across Minnesota

GRAND RAPIDS, MN, July 24, 2018 – MDI has begun filling 160 positions across all its locations (Grand Rapids, Cohasset, Hibbing, and Minneapolis) due to a surge in postal service orders coupled with a steady increase in commercial sales.

MDI manufactures standard and custom corrugated plastic and provides assembly and environmental services. The organization currently employs more than 400 people, with nearly half of its workforce comprised of people with disabilities. It touts an impressive 96 percent employee satisfaction rating.

Positions being filled include: material handlers, maintenance and quality techs, production workers, hand assemblers, a conversion supervisor, and a packaging engineer. Many of these positions are contract hires with the potential of turning into full-time jobs. Consistent with the mission of the organization, MDI has a particular interest in creating employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

MDI has spent the last several years modernizing equipment, facilities, and investing in employees to prepare the organization for new diversification and growth. This process has included the purchasing of a new building in Cohasset; installation of new equipment in Grand Rapids; expansion of employee services through career skills training; and the building of a new facility in Hibbing.

“Any time we add jobs to the community and for individuals with disabilities - it’s a huge win,” says Peter McDermott president & CEO of MDI. “We couldn’t have done it without our dedicated staff, customers, the support of local elected officials, individual donors, as well as the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, Blandin Foundation, and St. Louis County.”

MDI’s hiring surge is expected to continue until positions are filled. Orientations are being held weekly at each facility and on-the-job training is provided. **Anyone interested can text (218) 313-1700, visit [www.mdi.org/Jobs](http://www.mdi.org/Jobs), contact Express Staffing (218) 326-9461, or Always There Staffing (218) 440-1022.**

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#### About MDI

[MDI](http://MDI.org) is a leader in manufacturing corrugated standard and custom plastic packaging solutions, production assembly, and environmental services. Through a nonprofit Social Enterprise model, MDI creates self-sufficiency by providing meaningful work in an inclusive environment, with nearly half of the workforce comprised of people with disabilities. Headquartered in Minneapolis, with additional locations in Hibbing, Grand Rapids, and Cohasset, MDI offers an unparalleled customer experience, while providing high quality products and services to businesses and organizations.

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