

Logistics company expands into Camanche

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CAMANCHE — An expanding South Carolina business has opened a branch in Camanche.

Logisticus, a logistics company based in Greenville, South Carolina, has begun operating a distribution center near the Artco Fleeting Facility in Camanche.

"Logisticus Projects Group is operating a distribution center at the ADM facility primarily for the wind energy industry. This cargo supports the transport of large wind turbine blades that are being delivered throughout the Midwest." Vikash Patel, president of Logisticus, said in an e-mail.

The facility plans to start with 10 jobs, with the potential for more expansion if wind energy continues to grow.

"As wind energy grows in the Midwest, we would like to increase our employment drastically," Patel said.

So why Camanche? According to Patel, the location was a good mix of multiple factors.

"The fact that we have a great relationship with ADM drove us to this location," he said. "In addition, the area provided a large amount of skilled labor and is strategically located in the heart of the wind belt."

Prior to the expansion, Logisticus worked with Camanche City Administrator, Andrew Kida, to learn more about Camanche and the area.

"They reached out to help us understand what they do," Kida said. "They met with us at the CRDC and gave us an outline of what they do and what their projections are."

Those projections, according to Patel, could potentially make Logisticus a long-term fixture in Camanche. He said they would prefer to make it a permanent location, but that will continue to depend on the expansion of renewable energy.

"As long as the federal and state governments continue to support renewable energy, we foresee Logisticus remaining a long-term member of the Camanche and Clinton communities," Patel said.

Kida pointed toward this expansion as a big positive of their partnership with the CRDC and called it great for Camanche.

"To us, the number of employers bringing jobs to the area is always a benefit to the entire region – not just Camanche, but the entire region," Kida said. "Camanche is committed to the CRDC and the regional approach to economic growth."