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## **Cargill Receives City Award for Growth**

A “Growing Sioux City Award” was presented to Cargill, Inc. today recognizing the company’s significant growth and investment in Sioux City. The award, presented by Mayor Bob Scott, was accepted by Cargill facility superintendent, Brian Spencer. Cargill executives were provided Sioux City windshirts and a magnolia tree was planted at the business entrance at 18<sup>th</sup> & Steuben Streets, signifying the company’s commitment to growing in Sioux City.

Facility Superintendent Brian Spencer said, “Cargill has a long standing relationship with the Siouxland Community. We seek to continue our efforts to support our host community and be a good corporate citizen.”

Cargill, the premier international producer and marketer of food and agricultural products and services, is the world’s largest privately owned company with four locations in the tri-state area, three of which are in Sioux City. The crush plant, located at 11th & Clark, crushes the oil from soybeans while the refinery at 1016 Clark Street refines it into soybean oil. This oil is the primary ingredient in food items such as salad dressing and ketchup and Cargill is a strategic partner with many major fast food chains worldwide.

“Sioux City is home to many leading food processors, stated Mayor Bob Scott, and Cargill is an outstanding example of an international company continually growing and investing locally in our city.”

Cargill has invested millions of dollars into its Sioux City facilities in the past five years including wastewater pre-treatment, process efficiencies, normal repair and maintenance, a storm water pond, and sustainability efforts. The company is on the cutting edge of advancements with frequent technological upgrades and added capacity. The Sioux City refinery employs 100 full time workers and impacts the daily operations of 100 local service providers including welders, contractors, iron workers, and retail establishments.

Cargill purchased the Sioux City plant in 1959 and began processing 8,000 bushels of corn per day. Following 5 major expansions, the company built a refinery in 1985 and now processes more than 150,000 bushels per day.

Founded in 1865, the privately held company employs 142,000 people in 66 countries.