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Zeigler Automotive continues to grow with a new dealership in Downers Grove, Illinois.

The Harold Zeigler Automotive Group is continuing its growth strategy with a brand new Chrysler Dodge Jeep dealership in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Already listed as one of the top automotive groups in the country according to *Ward's Dealer Business*, the new facility will increase Zeigler's franchised dealership count to eleven dealerships in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. Zeigler also owns and operates three JD Byrider franchises located in Michigan and Illinois. The Zeigler Auto Group is one of only a few organizations in the country that was able to increase their sales over the past year.

"We're excited to be putting a new facility in Downers Grove and serve the customers in that area," said Aaron Zeigler, President of the Zeigler Automotive Group. "With a dealership already established in Schaumburg, the opportunity to add a dealership in the greater Chicago region fit very well with our strategy and we know that Downers Grove and the surrounding communities are a great place to do business."

Zeigler plans to begin immediately a development project to build a new state-of-the-art dealership at 2311 W Ogden Avenue replacing an old dealership facility where Downers Grove Dodge once operated. They will serve customer in the existing facility until construction is complete next spring. The new dealership, Zeigler Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Downers Grove, will create 75 new jobs within the first year of opening, along with generating hundreds of thousands in sales tax revenue for the city every year.

"My Council colleagues and I are thrilled to welcome the Zeigler Automotive Group to Downers Grove and look forward to a successful partnership in our community," said Downers Grove Mayor, Ron Sandack. "Having the Zeigler Group select Downers Grove as the location for their next dealership is especially rewarding given these challenging economic times and their new business endeavors serve as a reminder of our community's strong commitment to business development and growth."

The Zeigler Auto Group will maintain their headquarters in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In addition to the 75 jobs being added in Downers Grove the organization will also be adding jobs at their Kalamazoo headquarters.

“Our strategy of growth and our commitment to our customers have never changed, even as the economic environment has evolved over the past year,” commented Zeigler. “Our philosophy is simple: be fair and take care of the customer and good things will happen. Keeping with this has allowed us to grow in Schaumburg and now will give us the opportunity to serve the customer in Downers Grove.”

The Zeigler Automotive Group was founded in 1975 and owns and operates eleven dealerships throughout Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.. Zeigler represents the BMW, Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mitsubishi, Suzuki, Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep brands. Zeigler also owns and operates three JD Byrider franchises located in Michigan and Illinois.

For any questions regarding this press release please contact Greg Bedalov, President, Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation at 630-729-0380.

About the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation

The DGEDC is committed to retaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses to the Village of Downers Grove. Formed in 2006 by the Village of Downers Grove, DGEDC works in concert with the Village of Downers Grove, the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Downers Grove Management Corporation. Our joint efforts are designed to increase the Village business tax base, increase the number of jobs within the Village and develop Downers Grove as a destination to offer Downers Grove and area residents exciting new opportunities to work, shop, and play. In the Downers Grove EDC, diversity, networking, and cooperation are pillars upon which we set our goals and objectives.



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