



Owens-Illinois, Inc. Awards Contract to The Lathrop Company to Provide Design-Build Services for Glass Bottle Manufacturing Plant in Weld County, Colorado

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The 450,000-Sq.-Ft. Facility Will be Among the Highest Output Glass Container Plants in the U.S. When it Reaches Full Capacity Late 2005

MAUMEE, Ohio, June 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc. (NYSE: OI), awarded a contract to The Lathrop Company to provide design-build services for a new, 450,000-sq.-ft. glass bottle manufacturing plant, to be located near Windsor, Colorado, about 60 miles north of Denver. The plant will manufacture containers for customers in the local geographic area. Owens-Illinois, Inc. (O-I), is based in Toledo, Ohio.

Lathrop will have overall design-build responsibilities for the general construction of the plant and the mechanical/electrical process support work. In addition, Lathrop will coordinate and manage the installation of all owner-supplied equipment. The Denver office of Turner Construction Company, Lathrop's parent organization, will be assisting Lathrop on the management of the project. Design services will be provided by Albert Kahn Associates of Detroit, Michigan.

Richard Crawford, vice president and technical director of Owens-Illinois, said, "This represents our first construction project on a greenfield site in North America in over 20 years. Owens-Illinois technology and operating know-how have advanced significantly over this period of time. This is an exciting project for the employees at Owens-Illinois who have worked hard to develop world-class technology, machinery and systems focused on high quality, cost control and improved productivity. We are pleased as well to be partnering with The Lathrop Company and look forward to a successful project."

The plant is expected to start production early third quarter 2005. Upon reaching full capacity, the facility will be among the highest output glass container plants in the United States, producing approximately one billion bottles annually. The new plant will incorporate Owens-Illinois proprietary machines, equipment, design and know-how.

"We are thrilled to have been selected as the design-builder for this new bottle plant. This is a very important project for Owens-Illinois, and we are committed to helping them achieve their business objectives," said Thomas J. Manahan, Jr., president of Lathrop. "This will be a truly collaborative effort between Owens-Illinois, Lathrop and Albert Kahn. This project enables us to leverage Lathrop's long history in the industrial market and the national resources of Turner."

Owens-Illinois is the largest manufacturer of glass containers in North America, South America, Australia and New Zealand, and one of the largest in Europe. Owens-Illinois has 25 glass container manufacturing facilities in the United States and Canada, and a total of 68 worldwide. One out of every two glass containers made worldwide is manufactured by Owens-Illinois, its affiliates, or licensees. Owens-Illinois also is a worldwide manufacturer of plastics packaging with operations in North America, South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

The Lathrop Company, established in 1895 and based in Maumee, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo, offers a variety of construction services to a broad range of clients, including those in the industrial/manufacturing, retail, healthcare and institutional sectors. Lathrop delivers building projects that utilize capabilities including preconstruction services, design-build, construction management, program management and self-performed general construction. For more information, visit Lathrop's website at <http://www.thelathropcompany.com>.

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