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Governor Announces Grant For The City Of Polo

CHICAGO - Governor Rod R. Blagojevich today announced that the City of Polo is receiving a \$750,000 grant to be used for major water system improvements. The water system upgrades are needed to be able to supply adequate water volume and pressure for fire protection purposes at Palmer/Neubauer Corporation (PNC). As a result of the water system improvements, PNC is expected to hire a minimum of 15 new workers.

"I'm pleased that the State of Illinois was able to step in and assist the City of Polo in meeting this need," said Blagojevich. "PNC has grown in Polo over the past twenty years and we want to ensure that growth continues."

The grant is through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP), which is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). CDAP is a federally funded program that assists Illinois communities by providing grants to local governments to assist them in financing economic development, public facilities and housing rehabilitation projects.

"This improvement of the town's infrastructure benefits the City of Polo on a number of fronts," said DCEO Director Jack Lavin. "In addition to assisting one of the town's major employers, this project benefits the residents with increased water pressure, ensures adequate fire protection, and could support the growth of other area businesses."

The grant funds will be used to construct a 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank with 5,000 feet of 12-inch water main, and make upgrades to the city's booster pump station.

"We are very grateful to the State of Illinois for assisting our community with this project, because without the additional resources we would not have been able to make these crucial upgrades," said Mayor Jeff Van Oosten. "I'd also like to acknowledge the City of Polo staff and the staff at DCEO for their efforts in making this happen and thank PNC for being such a great corporate member of our community."

PNC was founded in 1981 and now operates two facilities in Polo on Mason and Oregon streets. The company manufactures electromagnetic coils for use in the automotive and hydraulic industries.

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