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## JOHN DEERE PAVILION FACT SHEET

### *One of the World's Most Comprehensive Agricultural Exhibit*

#### **BACKGROUND**

The **John Deere Commons** was developed as the centerpiece of Moline's Riverfront Civic Renewal Project, which started in 1993 and is credited for revitalizing downtown Moline, Illinois. The **John Deere Pavilion**, the anchor and cornerstone of the John Deere Commons, is the company's official visitor center. It is the most popular tourist attraction in the Quad Cities and one of the top five attractions in the state of Illinois according to the Illinois Bureau of Tourism.

The **John Deere Commons** is the result of approximately \$30 million in federal and state grants and other financial support, and another \$20 million in local, government and private investment. The **John Deere Pavilion** has welcomed over 2 million guests from all corners of the globe since it opened in August of 1997.

Adjacent to the Pavilion, the **John Deere Store** is a one-of-a-kind retail center that stocks more officially licensed John Deere toys, clothes, collectibles, house wares, books, and videos than any other place in the world.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

- The John Deere Pavilion is a 14,000-square foot, glass- and steel-enclosed structure with an additional 12,000-square foot exterior patio.
- Architectural design by HOK, St. Louis, MO.
- General Contractor, RYAN Construction, Minneapolis, MN.
- All woodwork used in the Pavilion is Finland Birch, and was produced by Midwest Exhibits, Davenport, IA.

#### **JOHN DEERE PAVILION EXHIBITS**

- Vintage and modern-day John Deere equipment.
- Interactive exhibits devoted to the history of John Deere and worldwide agricultural development.
- Exhibits titled, "The Past," "The Future," "Cornucopia," and "GPS - Satellite."
- A feature film titled "Anthem: A Song of the Land" showcasing the dedicated work of farm families worldwide and the global nature of agriculture.
- Agricultural-theme murals created by artist Robin Moline.
- Award-winning wrought-iron truss designs by sculptor John Medwedeff.

#### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

The John Deere Pavilion offers free admission, is open to the public year-round and welcomes group tours.

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Mon. – Fri. 9 am – 5 pm  
Sat. 10 am – 5 pm  
Sun. Noon – 4 pm