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Arizon® Companies plans to build \$5 million air structure plant

New plant will manufacture air, frame and tension buildings

St. Louis, MO—Ground-breaking is slated to begin this spring for the 400-foot by 200-foot air-supported structure that will house the manufacturing operation for Arizona Companies’ air, frame and tension division, Arizona Structures.

Plans have been submitted to construct the 65,000-square foot dome at West Seventh and East Streets in the Tri-City Regional Port District, Granite City, Illinois. The Tri-City Regional Port District is a 1,200-acre facility located in southwestern Illinois, just minutes from downtown St. Louis, Missouri.

Arizona Chairman and CEO Ron Scharf said, “Although we will likely break ground this spring and the construction will run into the middle of the summer, the actual building—the air-supported dome---will only take about a week to put into place and inflate.”

“They go up very quickly,” he said, “with the dome eventually towering 65 feet.”

The manufacturing facility will house about 100 employees, mostly engineers, computer designers, assembly workers and office staff. Scharf said Arizona picked the Tri-City property for its proximity to both the company’s Maryland Heights’ headquarters and an existing Port District enterprise zone. The project awaits approval from Granite City, Venice and Madison County officials.

Arizona Companies built and installed the largest air-supported structure in the United States last fall in Williamsport, PA, and has just completed air-supported projects in Toronto, CAN; Boulder, CO; Raleigh, NC; Acton, MA; Memphis, TN; and the Czech Republic.

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