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Media Services Expands Footprint in Hunt Midwest SubTropolis

New leases adds 10,000 square feet of climate-controlled warehousing to accommodate client demand

KANSAS CITY, Mo – January 3, 2013 – Media Services, a Kansas City, Mo.-based document management center, has executed a new lease agreement for expansion of its facility within Hunt Midwest SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex. The new lease increases the size of Media Services' facility to more than 113,000 square feet, with options to expand up to nearly 170,000 square feet.

"The shear nature of the underground business complex enables us to expand quickly to meet the needs of our clients," said Robert Rippentrop, Media Services president. "Space was available adjacent to our existing space so the SubTropolis construction staff was able to complete our expansion in just four weeks – something that just couldn't be done in a surface warehouse."

The addition of the new space to the existing record center will allow Media Services to respond to the escalating demand for secure records management while maintaining the underground, controlled environmental conditions and 24/7 security that the company ensures its clients.

Media Services is one of several records storage companies located in SubTropolis. Recently, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the nation's record keeper, began storing paper-based tax returns in its new SubTropolis warehouse. In addition, Underground Vaults & Storage has stored paper documents and client records, along with original film copies including legendary movies such as *Gone with the Wind* and *Wizard of Oz* in its SubTropolis location since 1986.

Media Services has expanded several times since locating in SubTropolis in 1998. Rippentrop said the decision to expand again in SubTropolis was an easy one. "We appreciate the outstanding support and services we get from Hunt Midwest and their flexibility in accommodating our expansion needs in SubTropolis," he said. "They are a valued partner."

About Media Services

[Media Services](#) is Kansas City's only locally-owned document management center. It offers a full range of records management options through five core services: Document Scanning, Records Storage and Management, Secure Shredding and Recycling, Off-Site Data Protection and Records Management Consulting. Media Services has earned AAA certification – the highest certification available by the National Association of Information Destruction.

About SubTropolis

As the largest underground business complex in the world, Hunt Midwest [SubTropolis](#) sets the standard for subsurface business developments. SubTropolis was created through the mining of a 270-million-year-old limestone deposit. In the mining process, limestone is removed by the room and pillar method, leaving 25-foot square pillars that are on 65-foot centers and 40 feet apart.

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Among the many benefits tenants enjoy are low lease rates that are 30-50 percent less than above-ground facilities; low utility costs that offer 50-70 percent savings in total energy costs; and the largest foreign-trade zone under one roof in the United States. SubTropolis is home to more than 50 local, regional, national and international companies which operate underground and employ more than 1,500 people.

In 2012, SubTropolis earned a perfect ENERGY STAR energy performance rating of 100 in the category of unrefrigerated warehouse from the EPA. Of the six warehouse facilities in Kansas and Missouri that have earned the ENERGY STAR, SubTropolis is the only one to receive a perfect rating.

About Hunt Midwest Enterprises

[Hunt Midwest](#) Enterprises, Inc. is a Kansas City, Missouri-based company comprised of two wholly-owned subsidiaries: Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc., developer of over 6,000 acres of commercial, retail, industrial and residential property, and owner/developer of SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex; and Hunt Midwest Mining, Inc., 50% owner of the region's largest supplier of crushed limestone, Hunt Martin Materials, L.L.C.

Hunt Midwest, a privately held company, is owned by the Lamar Hunt family. The Hunt family business is a diverse portfolio of entities involved in real estate, sports/media, energy/resources, private equity, and investments. Marquee entities include the Kansas City Chiefs, Hunt Midwest, Chicago Bulls, United Center, FC Dallas Stadium, FC Dallas Soccer Club, Team Columbus Soccer and Crew Soccer Stadium.

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