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CASECO is Latest Upfitter to Locate in Hunt Midwest's Automotive Alley Ship-Thru vendor adding operations in SubTropolis to handle truck customization

KANSAS CITY, Mo – August 27, 2013 – Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development announces CASECO Truck Body has signed a lease for 55,000 square feet in SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex. CASECO will be modifying trucks with its new MidBox mobile storage solution for pest control, contractors and CNG Tank storage.

"The location proved to be ideal for our new operation in Kansas City for a number of reasons," said Emily Hilliard, president of CASECO. "We were attracted to the underground location because of the close proximity to the Ford Claycomo assembly plant. The cost-effectiveness and sustainability of the underground were also very attractive to us."

CASECO's entrance into the Kansas City region will create eight to 10 jobs initially. The company plans on expanding to 35-40 jobs by the end of 2014. CASECO is a Woman-Owned Business established in 1972 as a sheet metal fabrication shop. It has evolved into a nationally recognized manufacturer of heavy-duty crane and service bodies.

Ford's Kansas City (Claycomo) Assembly Plant is located two miles to the north of CASECO's new facility in SubTropolis. CASECO joins a number of other automotive suppliers in Hunt Midwest's Automotive Alley including Knapheide Manufacturing, Ground Effects, Midway Ford and AER Manufacturing.

"Hunt Midwest's Automotive Alley provides CASECO with business synergies that cannot be duplicated elsewhere," said Ora Reynolds, president of Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development.

About CASECO

CASECO has developed a solid reputation in the industry for providing customers with quality, durable products combined with outstanding product support and customer service at competitive prices. CASECO is a family-owned company that credits its growing success to a commitment of quality and fairness.

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.

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.

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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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