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National Archives & Records Administration Begins Operations at Hunt Midwest SubTropolis in Kansas City **World's largest underground business complex enables NARA to expand contiguously**

KANSAS CITY, Mo – April 26, 2013 – Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc. announces that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is now operating in 102,000 square feet of record storage and office space in SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex. This new facility combines several record storage operations to enhance productivity and meet NARA's rigid security requirements.

"SubTropolis provided NARA with cost-effective contiguous space and unlimited expansion opportunities," said Ora Reynolds, president of Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc.

The initial phase of NARA's build-out was completed in 60 days and became fully operational December 1, 2012. This first phase included a 45,000-square foot storage pod plus an additional 12,000 square feet for office, restroom and staging areas along with parking for 35 cars. On April 1, NARA began filling a second pod of 45,000 square feet.

NARA is not the first record storage operation to locate in SubTropolis, which has expanded its record storage footprint by nearly 400,000 square feet in the past six months. The constant temperature and humidity levels in the underground provide an ideal environment for storing paper, film and other media.

Underground Vaults & Storage stores thousands of original movie and TV classics such as *Gone with the Wind*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *M*A*S*H* and *Friends* in the underground. Media Services, which has been located in SubTropolis since 1998, has expanded several times to meet customer demand for secure records management in a temperature-controlled, highly secure environment.

SubTropolis, which holds the highest ENERGY STAR rating possible, was selected by NARA because of its sustainability, constant temperature and humidity levels, security, and energy efficiency. NARA is the first project located in the newest phase of SubTropolis. Access is now available from Parvin Road into SubTropolis via the new Derrough Drive entrance.

About the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

The National Archives and Records Administration is an independent Federal agency that helps preserve our nation's history by overseeing the management of all Federal records. Its mission is to ensure ready access to the essential evidence that documents the rights of American citizens, the actions of Federal officials and the national experience.

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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