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Warren food distributor announces \$39 million investment

Warren-based Lipari Foods, Inc. is investing \$39.4 million to build a state-of-the-art, 252,000-square-foot freezer, warehouse and truck terminal building in the city of Warren. The project will create at least 337 new jobs over three years.

Lipari Foods is a wholesale food distributor that serves food-service establishments and retailers throughout the Midwest. The site chosen for this redevelopment is currently comprised of two auto salvage yards dating back more than 70 years. The new facility will house food processing and manufacturing for the company, which is integral to business operations.

“This project would never have happened without the help of several city, county and state departments,” said President and CEO Thom Lipari. “In particular, the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development in conjunction with Jack Johns, project coordinator, guided us through all the necessary paperwork to secure approximately \$5.9 million in tax abatements over a 12-year period.”

Johns also assisted the company by connecting them with Michigan Works! to secure training funds for the new jobs being created. The city of Warren’s Brownfield Redevelopment Authority received Michigan Strategic Fund approval of \$1,938,885 in local and school tax capture for the alleviation of brownfield conditions at Lipari Foods. The local and school tax capture will be used for lead and asbestos abatement, demolition activities and preparation of the site for redevelopment.

For information on career opportunities with Lipari Foods, visit <https://liparifoods.com/careers/>.

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