BUSINESS READY COMMUNITIES GRANT & LOAN PROGRAM

AVALON INTERNATIONAL ALUMINUM

PREPARED BY CITY OF EVANSTON & WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL

PRESENTED TO WYOMING JOINT MINERALS, BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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ABOUT

- Avalon manufactures aluminum products, specializing in door and window frames and other specialty fixtures
- The company is moving into manufacturing doors and windows
- Other products in the line include HVAC UV light systems for viruses

COMPANY BACKGROUND

- Owned by Rick (father) and Baron (son) Carleton
- Rick has been in the industry for 20+ years
- Baron is a nuclear engineer working toward patented technology in other fields
- The family purchased the company in January 2016 and turned what was then a floundering company into a profitable, growth-oriented business

WHY EVANSTON?

Rick and Baron are familiar with the area and were attracted to Wyoming because of the business-friendly climate. The area also offers supply chain advantages due to better logistics and location to raw materials available in Utah. They have outgrown their current, leased space and owning their own building was an appeal, not to mention the local culture and workforce ethics.

PROJECT TIMELINE



BY THE NUMBERS

- Job Creation:
 - 17 jobs initially, most positions hired from the community
 - 20 jobs by 2021
 - 60 jobs by 2025, anticipated sales of \$11.7 million
- <u>Wages/Benefits:</u>
 - Average \$34.50/hour base wage (roughly 140% of county median wage)
 - Anticipate providing benefits equivalent to \$3-4/hour per employee
- BRC grant will be recouped in 3.19 years in economic impact

- BRC loan w/interest will be repaid to BRC (\$1,223,495) plus \$750K (25% of grant) will be recaptured
- Evanston Contributions:
 - Land valued at \$130,000Infrastructure valued at
 - \$500,000 Avalon Contributions: (A. K
- <u>Avalon Contributions:</u> (A local bank assisted with some of the company's contributions.)
 - \$775,000 for equipment costs
 - \circ \$260,000 for moving expenses
 - \$40,000 for engineering costs
 - \$150,000-\$250,000 for building materials
 - \$500,000 cash match

WHAT DOES THE BRC INVESTMENT ACCOMPLISH?

- 60,000 square foot building
- Site development (parking, landscaping, etc)
- An additional business will now relocate to Evanston due to the water and sewer infrastructure that will be in place as a result of the Avalon project. The lot has already been sold.
- Area unemployment positively affected (6.3% in April 2021)
- \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year in local sales tax estimated
- \$56,000 per year in state sales tax estimated
- \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year in property taxes
- Wyoming will be Avalon's home versus Mississippi which offered \$1 million cash relocation incentive

THE BRC PROCESS where does the \$ GO?







