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## Political, Community Leaders Celebrate at Uponor Groundbreaking Ceremony for \$18M Expansion

On May 21, Uponor North America ([Uponor](#)) held an official groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the company's seventh expansion in the greater Twin Cities area. The \$18 million expansion project will add an additional 88,000 square feet for lean manufacturing, office space and additional manufacturing equipment for producing crosslinked polyethylene (PEX) pipe used in plumbing, radiant heating/cooling and fire safety systems.



Political and community leaders celebrate the groundbreaking for Uponor's new facility in Apple Valley, Minn., which is pursuing LEED®-Silver certification.

"While this is our latest expansion, it is certainly not our last," said [Bill Gray](#), president, Uponor North America. "This year marks our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Apple Valley and we are grateful to the leaders of this local community as well as the state of Minnesota for their support as we continue to grow."

Several political and community leaders were in attendance for the groundbreaking ceremony. Apple Valley Mayor Mary Hamman-Roland and Apple Valley Chamber President Ed Kearney took to the podium to talk about Uponor's partnership with the city and the importance of the expansion to the local economy.



The new facility (at right) is located adjacent to the Uponor North America headquarters in Apple Valley, Minn., and will add 50 percent more manufacturing space for the company.

"Our futures are bright because of our partnerships, and businesses like Uponor are key to the strength and growth of our community," said Mayor Hamann-Roland.

After the expansion is complete, the North American headquarters in Apple Valley along with the company's distribution center and resin-processing center in nearby Lakeville will bring the total Twin Cities metro area footprint to 654,738 square feet on approximately 50 acres.

The new facility, which is pursuing LEED®-Silver certification, is expected to be complete at the end of 2015 and will provide more than 100 jobs to the local area over the next few years.

**Uponor, Inc.** is an award-winning provider of plumbing, fire safety, radiant heating/cooling, hydronic piping and pre-insulated piping systems for residential and commercial applications. In 2014, the company received a Best-in-Class award for Minnesota manufacturing, a Community Impact Award for sustainability, and a Progress Minnesota award for driving business growth and economic development. The company was also named a Top 100 Workplace by the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Uponor, Inc. employs around 500 people at its North American headquarters in Apple Valley, Minn.

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