

Group obtains DEDC grant

The DeSoto Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) recently gave The Warrior Group, Inc. an incentive grant to build its new corporate headquarters in the Eagle Business and Industrial Park at 1624 Falcon Drive in DeSoto.

Over a year ago, The Warrior Group began experiencing significant growth and needed to expand their current facility. At the same time, the company desired to build, own, and expand into a new corporate facility rather than lease additional office space. The company considered moving its corporate headquarters to other communities, but finally decided to make DeSoto its permanent home.

The Warrior Group, which recently invested \$1 million on their new building project, currently employs 12 people and plans to hire nine additional employees.

V. Gail Warrior-Lawrence, president and chief executive officer of The Warrior Group, Inc., formed the company in



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The DeSoto Economic Development Corporation gave The Warrior Group a cash grant to encourage their corporate expansion in DeSoto. Pictured from left to right are Wayne Lawrence, vice president of The Warrior Group, Mrs. Gail Warrior-Lawrence, president and chief executive officer of The Warrior Group, Gail Douglas, DEDC board president, John Farmer, DEDC secretary/treasurer, Layne Ballard, DEDC executive director and Walter Edge, senior project manager of The Warrior Group.

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to meet the changing needs of corporate and government clients.

Since its inception, The Warrior Group has leased space in the Eagle Business and Industrial Park and designed and manufactured modular, portable buildings from 200 square feet to 40,000 square feet in size.

The company specializes in constructing medical clinics, barracks, daycare facilities, offices, computer labs, classrooms, and other custom-ordered products for corporate

America, the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and other federal and state agencies. Their building products are designed, manufactured, and then shipped in "modules" all over the world on carriers, skids, or permanent steel frames. Since the modules are already complete upon arrival, they are installed in a fraction of the time required for facilities which are built on-site.

The Warrior Group's vision today includes expanding its

end-to-end business services to encompass furniture products, financial services, building design, project estimation, and project management. Warrior-Lawrence is regarded as a leader and innovator in the modular building industry. Her experience and leadership, coupled with her vision of implementing new and innovative modular construction techniques, has positioned The Warrior Group as the largest woman-owned provider of modular buildings in the country.