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LOUISIANA-BASED EPCO CARBON DIOXIDE PRODUCTS TO BUILD FIRST CO2 PLANT IN NYS

Company Will Operate in Orleans County with the Pledge of 20 New Jobs

Empire State Development today announced that EPCO Carbon Dioxide Products will construct the first-ever Carbon Dioxide (CO2) plant in New York State. The \$6.28 million production facility, which will bring 20 new jobs at an average salary of \$70,000 per new hire to Orleans County, is slated to be built on the premises of WNY Energy LLC, an ethanol plant in the town of Shelby that recently started its operations. EPCO Carbon Dioxide Products will be aided by a \$75,000 Empire State Development capital grant.

Headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana, EPCO's production and distribution network includes ten liquefaction facilities, 70 satellite monitored product transports, and 68 railcars. Most of EPCO's plants are adjacent to a source of CO2 emissions such as ethanol plants. Carbon dioxide is a natural by-product of ethanol production and chemical manufacturing.

"Locating in close proximity to an ethanol production facility as well as being close to our customers—food processors, soda and beer bottlers, and dry ice manufacturers—will allow us to supply our product at much lower prices," stated Darrel Craft, EPCO Executive Vice President.

Established in 1987, EPCO Carbon Dioxide Products Inc. produces and distributes over 2200 tons per day of food grade and/or beverage grade liquid carbon dioxide. The company is a leader at low cost, high quality supplier of liquid carbon dioxide throughout the Central United States.

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