

Geothermal was easy choice for local business

Midwest Group Benefits (MGB), a fast growing company specializing in employee benefits, recently built a new office building in the Decorah Industrial Park. Rock Tuchek, President of MGB, knew it was critical to create a comfortable working environment for his employees. After discussing many different heating and cooling options with Hawkeye REC staff and his heating contractor, he decided to go with a geothermal system for their new building.



This 5,100 square foot building was constructed with State-of-the-Art equipment which includes HydroHeat and an air exchanger in the ceiling that regularly pumps fresh air into the offices, creating a healthier working environment. They also understood how important it is to use energy efficient lighting throughout their building.

HydroHeat is an incredibly energy efficient, reliable and environmentally friendly appliance. Powered electrically, the heat pump consumes only 25% of total output in electrical energy. The remaining 75% of the output is free. In other words, for every

kilowatt of electricity used, the HydroHeat geothermal heat pump delivers 4 times that amount in cooling or heating capacity. HydroHeat is 400% efficient. Compare that to the most efficient natural gas furnace, with an efficiency rating of only 93%. (Source: www.hydroheat.com)

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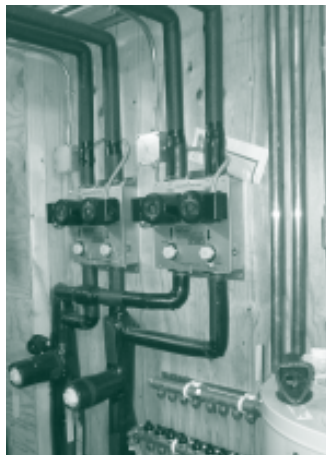
was founded in 1984 and began with an emphasis on investments and group health insurance. Since then, MGB has expanded to a full-service benefits organization that specializes in helping companies select, develop and maintain a group benefits plan. MGB also provides administrative services, including claims processing, eligibility, implementation, day-to-day service, reporting and compliance in the most professional and cost-effective way possible for your organization. There are currently 15 employees at Midwest Group Benefits. For more information about this company, please visit www.midwestbenefits.com.



Rock Tuchek, President

“The technology, reliability and energy savings of this heating and cooling system, along with the rebates available through Hawkeye REC, made geothermal a smart choice for our business.”

—Rock Tuchek



For additional information on geothermal heating and cooling for your home or business, call Hawkeye REC at (800) 658-2243.

