

MICROSOFT BREAKS GROUND IN QUINCY

Tuesday, May 30, 2006 will be a day long remembered in Quincy Washington.

On this day Microsoft Corporation held the official ground breaking ceremony for what will be one of the largest data centers in the world.

Close to 100 people attended the event and learned about the hard work that went into making the project a reality.

Debra Chrapaty, corporate vice president of Microsoft Network operations, explained the long process of choosing a site, saying that after searching the globe over Microsoft found itself drawn to Quincy.

Low power rates, favorable land prices, and a fiber optic network were all key factors in the decision making process.

Chrapaty made it clear that it was the support and help of Quincy City and Port officials that eventually sealed the deal.

Others who spoke at the ceremony were Port of Quincy commissioner Curt Morris, Quincy Mayor Dick Zimbleman, Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce president Lisa Karstetter, and Grant County EDC executive director Terry Brewer.



Grant County EDC Executive Director Terry Brewer addresses close to 100 people at the ground breaking ceremony for Microsoft in Quincy

“Many months ago, I started getting telephone calls from individuals at a firm in Texas,” said Brewer. “At that

time, I did not imagine that our responses would eventually result in this community

winning the site selection process for this fantastic Microsoft project.”

The EDC first added Microsoft to its project list in December last year. Since that time the EDC has worked hard to see the project progress and develop.

Microsoft plans to fill 50 full time positions for the facility by hiring locally when it can.

In the spring of 2007 Microsoft will have part of the facility operational and will continue build out for the rest of the 1.3 million square foot project.”

*“THANK YOU
MICROSOFT, FOR
CHOOSING QUINCY”*

LISA KARSETTER



Construction on the Microsoft Data Center as of June 16