

# Aurora One of the Best Logistical Networks In the Nation

**E**xpansion Solutions Magazine recently announced Aurora as one of the “top five locations in the United States for logistics,” according to Sherman L. Jenkins, executive director of the Aurora Economic Development Commission (AEDC). Aurora was selected by industrial real estate executives in conjunction with the Expansion Solutions staff.

“Your area was chosen because of the ability for companies to move products by rail, air or interstate,” said Kimberly Merkel, the magazine’s

associate publisher. “Your strategic location and proximity to other progressive cities, the support system offered to companies who locate to Aurora, your available workforce and the success you have had in recruiting these businesses and retaining them once they have located also put you in the top five for this national award.”

Aurora received the award during the national conference of the International Economic Development Council (October 19-22) in Atlanta.

“We are excited about this national award as it further demonstrates Aurora as a regional leader in major commercial activity,” said Mayor Tom Weisner. “Not only does it showcase Aurora for its success in recruiting and retaining businesses, it also is a source of pride for our city and our economic development department.”



## Mike & Denise’s Pizzeria & Pub



Mayor Tom Weisner (third from left) helped break ground for Mike & Denise’s Pizzeria & Pub expansion. Also breaking ground were left to right: Joe Henning, GACC; Chris Beykirch, AEDC; Mike Siddon, co-owner; Denise Siddon, co-owner; Tom Muth, Fox Metro; Tom Pokorney, KLC Construction; Abby Schuler, first ward Alderman and Manny Maysonet, AEDC.

Mike & Denise’s Pizzeria & Pub, located at 1760 N. Farnsworth, have begun a complete renovation of their dining room which will include a new two story entrance and dining patio with canopy. There will be additions to the menu and a separate children’s arcade. The project will cost approximately \$450,000. (Rendering designed by Steve Hanson, SWH Architects, Ltd.)

