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Road renovations in Keweenaw County give local company room to grow

Ahmeek, MI – June 29, 2016 – Thanks to a TEDF Category A grant awarded by MDOT in August of 2015, the road connecting Neuvokas Corporation to US Highway 41 is repaved to enable year round use. TEDF (Transportation Economic Development Fund) helps fund road projects around Michigan that stimulate economic growth. The Keweenaw County Road Commission will also be making shoulder and drainage improvements to the road. This development will allow Neuvokas to ship product via truck year round out of Keweenaw County.



A big THANK YOU goes out to the Michigan Department of Transportation and the State of Michigan for all of the help on this development!



“We really appreciate all of the support we’ve gotten from MDOT and the State on this project,” said Neuvokas CEO Erik Kiilunen. “This road will make shipping GatorBar out of the far reaches of the Keweenaw Peninsula possible year round, as we expand in the coming years.”

Most of Neuvokas’ employees are Keweenaw Peninsula natives, and take pride in this beautiful place we call home.

“It’s been great to be able to stay close to home, but still have a challenging career that pushes me every day,” said Ken Keranen, COO and co-founder of Neuvokas. “We’re looking forward to giving other local talent the same opportunity as we continue to grow and operate out of Ahmeek.”

These road improvements are following major renovations to the Neuvokas Corporation building itself. The building was built around 1900 and for years the shop housed Rensen Products before eventually being abandoned. The building got a much needed face lift during the summer of 2014 when Neuvokas Corporation took over to expand its operations.



Before renovations (Rensen Products)



After renovations (Neuvokas Corporation)

About Neuvokas Corporation. Founded in 2012, Neuvokas Corporation is an Ahmeek, MI based company that manufactures and distributes FRP rebar made from basalt fiber (BFRP). Distributed under the GatorBar™ brand Neuvokas’ BFRP is stronger and seven times lighter than steel, is non-corrosive and sells for the same price as its domestically produced steel counterpart.

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