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Dot Foods contributes to Educational Support Program

Mt. Sterling, Ill., June 5, 2006 – The Dot Foods Charitable Committee recently donated \$2,500 to the Educational Support Program (ESP) of the Regional Office of Education #46. The ESP truancy program, located in Jacksonville, serves the counties of Brown, Cass, Morgan and Scott and seeks to increase the employability of at-risk high school students. Approximately 135 students from eleven school districts attend programs at ESP in Jacksonville and CBS in Beardstown.

“The donations will go toward the development of a Pre-vocational Information and Training Center,” said Alan Bradish, program director for ESP. “Specifically, Dot’s donation will provide audio/visual equipment to help us introduce area businesses to our students. We’ll look to highlight area businesses, the variety of jobs available and the skills needed to be successful in those jobs. We will use materials produced by them as well as creating audio/visual presentations in-house through student projects.”

ESP will begin furnishing the Information and Training Center this fall and will continue updating it as an on-line learning center.

About ESP:

The Educational Support Program, as a sole entity of the Regional Office of Education #46, does not derive any funding from the local educational agencies and is dependent on grants and the basic student daily attendance funding from the State of Illinois. Students are referred by their local high school for attendance/truancy/dropout related issues. In addition to the academic requirements for graduation, ESP requires two hours of community service per semester for a student to remain in good standing. ESP's goal is for students to graduate, having satisfied the requirements of their home high school and enter the workforce or higher education, well prepared.

About Dot Foods:

With over \$2 billion in revenues, Mt. Sterling-based Dot Foods, Inc. is the nation's leading food redistributor. Dot delivers foodservice and retail products from the nation's top manufacturers to distributors in all 50 states. Including its corporate headquarters and main distribution center in Mt. Sterling, Dot currently has nine locations in the U.S. Employees on the Dot Foods Charitable Committee perform site visits and research the charitable organizations to which the committee donates.

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