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MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL AND MEDLINE ANNOUNCE HEALTH COMPANY TO EXPAND e-COMMERCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES TO CHICAGO

35-40 Jobs Being Added in Chicago Immediately; Company May Double Office Over Time; Positions for Growth in Critical Area

Officials from Medline Industries, Inc. joined Mayor Rahm Emanuel today to announce that Medline will be expanding its e-Commerce and Information Services (IS) division to Chicago, creating 35-40 new jobs in the city of Chicago.

"Considering Chicago's rapidly growing pool of highly-skilled, talented workers, Medline's e-commerce and IS expansion to the city will prove to be a rewarding investment. Chicago is a thriving global city that has attracted cutting-edge companies who conduct business around the world. I am confident that Medline's move to Chicago will speed the company further down the path of global innovation and expansion," said Mayor Emanuel. "I am proud to help welcome Medline into Chicago's bustling technology and health care industry."

Medline, headquartered in Mundelein, Illinois, is the largest privately held manufacturer and distributor of healthcare supplies in the nation. Attracted by Chicago's growth as a technology industry hub, Medline's e-commerce and IS department will expand to a new 11,000 sq. ft. space at 100 S. Wacker. The company plans to add 35-40 new positions in e-commerce, mobility, systems analysis and data warehousing in the coming year and expects the Chicago office to double in size in the next 3-5 years.

The company's roots date back to 1910, when company founder A.L. Mills moved from Arkansas to Chicago and started Northwestern Garment Factory. Since then Medline has evolved to produce innovative, state-of-the-art medical supplies and has grown to employ

more than 9,000 employees worldwide. The company currently supplies more than 350,000 types of health care supplies and services to hospitals, nursing homes, physician offices, home care agencies and providers, and major retail outlets. Medline does business in more than 90 countries.

"We are excited to work with the city of Chicago and Mayor Emanuel in expanding our tech division to Chicago and augment our terrific IS staff located at our headquarters in Mundelein," said Andy Mills, president of Medline. "By expanding to Chicago, we can tap into the wealth of talented high tech workers the city has to offer to help build our fast-growing e-commerce and IS areas.

The company is hiring now, and plans to fill the positions by the end of the year.

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