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## **Republic Companies to Celebrate Grand Opening of HVAC and Electrical Distribution Center and Training Lab**

Grimes, IA – The Republic Companies, an Iowa based electrical and mechanical distributor with a 107-year-old legacy of serving Midwestern contractors, is thrilled to announce the grand opening of its expansive distribution center and state-of-the-art HVAC and electrical training facility—serving Central Iowa from its location in Grimes. The grand opening is scheduled for Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 11AM - 5PM at their new location: 1400 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 525, Grimes, Iowa.

Republic's new facility marks a pivotal opportunity for Midwest HVAC and electrical contractors. Spanning an impressive 22,500 square feet, this new facility is designed to be a hub of innovation, training, and progress. The 2,500-square-foot training lab, equipped with 18 stations, will become a haven for contractors seeking to elevate and expand their skills.

In the words of Todd Wade, President of Republic's Mechanical Division, "In the HVAC and electrical world, training has never been more important for our dealers to use and to develop their staff than it is today and will be for the foreseeable future." The grand opening of this new facility marks an exciting milestone in the company's 107-year-old timeline. "It's really a testament to Republic's unwavering commitment to providing our customers with the tools, resources, and support they need to be successful," Wade went on to explain.

"This is just the beginning!" Wade continued, "This new facility isn't just for Des Moines alone – it's a hub that will draw participants from all corners of Republic's extensive and rapidly growing footprint, facilitating knowledge exchange and professional growth."

Republic's Vice President of Mechanical Sales, Bob Teare, stated, "What makes this training facility and distribution center so different, and in my opinion, so exciting for contractors throughout the Midwest, is Republic's customer centric approach. We're evaluating the needs of our dealers *and* their customers—homeowners and businesses throughout the Midwest—and we're looking strategically not only at what the needs of today are, but what the needs of the future will be."



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Guests are cordially invited to attend the grand opening of Republic's new facility anytime between 11am-5pm to tour the facility, meet face-to-face with the Republic team that brought the facility to life, enjoy food from some local Des Moines favorites including Smokey D's, The Outside Scoop, and Flame, and network with vendor partners such as Johnson Controls, Mitsubishi Heating and Air Conditioning, Rapid Locking Systems, Leviton, Satco, Acuity, GREE, and more. At 4pm the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce will host an official ribbon cutting ceremony, to officially commemorate this incredible milestone.

## **ABOUT REPUBLIC COMPANIES:**

With over a century of expertise, Republic Companies is one of the largest independent wholesale mechanical and electrical distributors in the Midwest. The 107-year-old company is headquartered along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River in Davenport, Iowa.

Rooted in humble beginnings, the company was established 107 years ago as a family-owned enterprise. What initially took shape as a Delco Light Plant Distributorship, providing power solutions to rural America, evolved into a dynamic force in the mechanical and electrical distribution realm. From those pioneering days, Republic Companies' influence steadily expanded, reaching beyond the rural landscapes of the past to encompass a vast footprint growing through Iowa, Illinois and into Wisconsin.

"Republic's new facility stands as a testament to both tradition and transformation, and we are looking forward to sharing our vision of ResponseAbility™ with all HVAC and electrical contractors in the Des Moines market," concluded Rob Eckert, Vice President of Regional Sales at Republic.

The grand opening of this distribution center and training facility puts Republic at a total of 5 HVAC and Electrical Distribution Centers between Iowa and Illinois. Their other locations include Cedar Rapids, IA, Dubuque, IA, Peoria, IA, and Davenport, IA.

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Republic's new state-of-the-art distribution center and training lab is strategically located at 1400 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 525, Grimes, IA 50111 to serve HVAC and electrical contractors throughout the entire Midwest region.



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Photo of Republic setting up the racking inside the expansive 22,500 square foot Des Moines distribution warehouse.



Photo of the classroom portion of Republic's Des Moines training lab



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Republic has been headquartered in Davenport Iowa for over 100 years. Photo above: Republic Davenport Branch at 737 Charlotte Street Davenport, IA in the 1900s.



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Image of Republic's early days when it started out as a Delco Light Plant providing electricity to rural Iowa and Illinois.

JULY 18, 1918. 10

**Opening Announcement**  
**Davenport's New Electrical Store**  
**Friday and Saturday—July 19-20**  
**The Public is cordially invited**

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The Delco-Light office, formerly located at Fourth and Main Streets in the Davenport Hotel, has moved to beautiful new quarters at 222 Ripley street in the Overland-Davenport building. Here will be established the Delco-Light District Headquarters for Southeastern Iowa and Northwestern Illinois. The Company has also enlarged its activities and increased its stock.

**EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL NOW ON DISPLAY**

*See our Beautiful Electric Fixture Room*  
*Washing Machines      Vacuum Cleaners*

*Many things to interest the housewife*

You are cordially invited to inspect our new store. Every courtesy will be extended and you will be under no obligation to buy. We want you to see Davenport's New Electrical Store.

**Open Both Evenings**  
**Electrical Equipment Company**  
J. S. KIMMEL, General Manager  
**222 Ripley Street**  
**Davenport, Iowa**



Image from Republic's original grand opening from July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1918.