

# Audubon company plans expansion as president earns small-business honor

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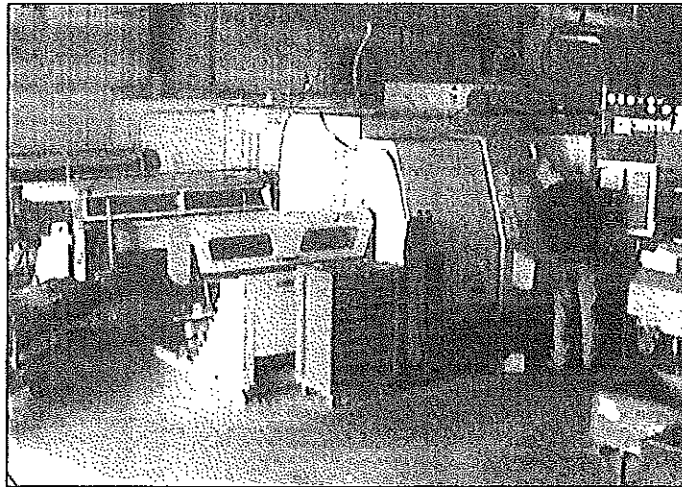
AUDUBON — The owner of Audubon-based Quality Machine of Iowa, who is now up for a national small-business award, this morning said his operation is eyeing a 40,000-square-foot expansion and the addition of up to 24 new jobs with an average annual pay of \$41,000.



**Timothy Greene**

Timothy Greene, 52, president of Quality Machine, won an Iowa award for small-business man of the year. He will visit Washington, D.C., in May when the U.S. Small Business Administration will recognize the winner of the national award during its conference.

Quality Machine is a precision-manufacturing company that produces a variety of products. The company makes service tools for auto and agriculture repair, a big business as new tools are needed when



Quality Machine of Iowa Inc. is involved with precision manufacturing, much of it for national defense-related purposes. The Audubon operation plans to expand in the next three to five years.

the latest models of cars roll out of Detroit, for example.

The company is also active in the defense industry. Quality Machine produces components for tank ammunition and is involved with flare systems for helicopters that act as counter-measures when heat-seeking missiles are fired at them.

Greene's father, William

Greene, started the company in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1968. The elder Greene passed away in 1984 at which point Timothy Greene took over as president of the company at age 25.

The company moved its headquarters to Audubon in November 1996 and main-

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tains operations in Minneapolis. The company employs 55 people total, 40 in Audubon. The average annual salary is \$41,000, Greene said.

Greene and wife, Deedra, who works in accounting and finance with the company, split their time between Audubon and Minnesota.

Plans are in the works for growth at Quality Machine of Iowa, Greene said.

Within the next three to five years the addition could be constructed and the 25 jobs created in Audubon, Greene said.