

## Business looking at Beloit

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A metal distributing company has shown an interest in Beloit.

A.M. Castle and Company is a distributor of carbon, alloy, stainless steel and nickel alloys with more than 50 locations throughout North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia.

The company headquarters is located in Oak Brook, Ill.

The Beloit Daily News contacted the company when the newspaper learned A.M. Castle may be looking at the Beloit area for a facility.

“A.M. Castle and Company has not finalized plans for our facility footprint yet, but we are considering Beloit, Wisconsin as an option for one of our service centers, among other Midwest locations,” an emailed response from A.M. Castle and Company stated.

On the website [careerbuilder.com](http://careerbuilder.com), there is a warehouse operator position posted in Beloit, Wisconsin. Other online job posting sites have positions advertised for A.M. Castle and Company with Beloit listed as the location for the job.

Beloit Economic Development Director Andrew Janke said he has had no contact with anyone from A.M. Castle and Company. When asked about the online job postings for positions in Beloit with A.M. Castle and Company, he responded, “I’ve seen them too.”

He did say he has been approached by a firm that says it represents a metals company seeking about 200,000 square feet of building space in the area. He said he cannot speculate whether or not the client is A.M. Castle.

City Manager Larry Arft also said he is aware of no contact between the city and A.M. Castle and Company.

“We have not been contacted by the company and we have not engaged with them at all,” Arft said.

He did say the company would be welcome in the Beloit business community and he is sure Beloit could serve their business needs.

“I’m sure we could find a space for them,” Arft said.

He said the Gateway Business Park would be one prime possibility for the company, but if they would have a lot of outdoor storage of materials Gateway would not be a good fit.