

**Statement by Warren Mayor  
Jim Fouts on Warren Being  
Named In Top Ten  
By Forbes Magazine as  
“Best Places for Business and Careers”  
(See enclosed list)**

“Being named the ninth “Best Place for Business and Careers” by Forbes Magazine is indeed an honor for Warren.

“This designation by a widely-respected national business publication is the result of Warren’s well-deserved reputation as a business-friendly city.

“An example of the business growth in our city is the nearly \$1 million in building inspection fees, mostly commercial, **this month** in our building inspections division.

“Our business development team has consistently encouraged businesses to expand and locate in Warren.

“The results of this approach have been very positive like the GM Tech Center’s recent announcement of 3000-3500 new professional jobs and a one billion dollar expansion.

“Our economic development team worked very closely with GM officials to facilitate the process. GM is also investing \$35 million in the Campbell-Ewald building on Van Dyke.

“At the same time, other significant job-producing developments are producing a record number of city building inspection permits.

“The business expansions are city-wide from a large super market-shopping center development at 8 mile and Dequindre to an Art Van Furniture 180,000 square feet expansion at 14 Mile and Van Dyke.

“All of these new projects are the result of our pro-business incentives and encouragement.

“Our downtown development is ready to take off with proposals for a 5-star hotel and a loft large development. These announcements are expected soon.

“Our business development team is aggressive, creative and responsive.

“Our goal is to encourage more permanent job-producing businesses in our city.”