



A new Customer Service Center for Michigan's Department of Natural Resources is open in the renovated Globe Building on Atwater in Detroit.

ing in Detroit. When you consider the natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities centered here – Milliken State Park and Harbor, the Outdoor Adventure Center, Belle Isle, the Dequindre Cut and the Detroit Riverfront – it's easy to see why this move makes sense.”

Once exhibit construction is completed, visitors can enjoy a kayak simulator, an indoor waterfall, an archery range, a freshwater aquarium stocked with native Michigan species of fish, a simulated eagle's nest, and more.

SellerNation Launches for Real Estate Sales

SOUTHFIELD – Entrepreneurs Rod Carey and Ron Jasgur have launched real estate brokerage SellerNation. Focusing exclusively on sellers, and using the proprietary technology the pair created, SellerNation offers short listing agreements, quick sales and innovative ways to recoup more money in challenged markets by driving traffic to the homes that often lead to multiple offers.

“This new brokerage is a hybrid of the best of real estate auctions and the best



SellerNation founders Rod Carey, left, and Ron Jasgur are hoping to streamline the real estate industry.

practices of real estate brokers,” says CEO Carey.

Selling real estate isn't new to Carey and Jasgur. Their company, Woodward Asset Capital, has bought hundreds of suburban properties, rehabbed them and sold them using the same process. Their success led them to develop award-winning, auction-style technologies currently used across the country by banks like PNC and Independent Bank as well as mortgage lenders to mitigate fraud and manage the sale of distressed assets.

SellerNation offers 34-day listing agreements, and contributes 5 percent of its revenues to local non-profits. Their technologies, OfferSubmission.com and VerifiedShortSale.com, have been used to negotiate more than \$22 billion in real estate offers since 2009 from more than 100,000 real estate agents in all 50 states. More at www.sellernation.com.

Brembo Marks Plant Expansion in Homer

Brembo, a manufacturer of brake systems, says an expanded production facility in Homer, Mich., which it acquired with its 2007 acquisition of the brakes disc division of Hayes-Lemmerz, will help further develop its North American market, which it says will be its largest by the end of 2014.

The Homer facility produces components for brake, disc, caliper and corner modules.

Brembo increased year over year revenue by 19.4 percent in 2013. The first quarter 2014 revenue was 27.7 percent higher than a year earlier.

“This expanded and modernized production facility represents a new foundation for Brembo in North America, enabling us to increase our presence in the U.S. market and offer better service to

our clients,” said Alberto Bombassei, Brembo's chairman.

Brembo has its North American headquarters and Research and Development Center in Plymouth.

Papa Joe's Keeps Growing in Metro Detroit

ROCHESTER – Papa Joe's has a recipe for success and one of its ingredients is clearly growth.

Not only is the Gourmet Market and Bistro putting the finishing touches on a \$3.5 million project at 34244 Woodward in Birmingham, but it has opened a 1,200-square-foot location at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

And plans have just been approved for two new locations at the Delta Terminal at Metro Airport, both of which are expected to be open by Thanksgiving.

The firm is also developing plans for possible Detroit locations in the First National Building and the Renaissance Center.

Papa Joe's, which recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of its 55,000-square-foot Gourmet Market and Commissary in Rochester, also includes La Sala Banquet Center. It was first launched by Tony and Joe Curtis in the late 1980s.

Their first location, at 19 Mile and Garfield in Clinton Twp., was named in honor of their father. By 1990 they had a Papa Joe's Gourmet Market on Hamlin and Rochester Road in Rochester Hills, followed by a



Papa Joe's is thriving and growing from a base in Rochester.