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Willert said there are a variety of job opportunities within the plant, which has taken advantage of the latest technological advances to create a very modern facility that supports safe and efficient production. Some jobs, he said, do not require higher education, while other job opportunities involving manufacturing, technology, and animal welfare requirements may require specialized training or higher education. To date, Willert said, they have had no problems meeting workforce needs at the facility.

In addition to creating jobs in the region, Willert said America's Heartland Packing is looking forward to becoming a key part of the community in Warren County.

"It's been a great experience so far in Missouri and the Warren County area," said Willert. "We will continue to be a great employer and a great community member in all locations where we operate. We're offering great jobs and benefits, and we're becoming an active member of the community."

The virtual panel session was moderated by Mary Lamie. Lamie is Executive Vice President of Multimodal Enterprises for Bi-State Development, which operates the St. Louis Regional Freightway.

"We're thrilled that American Foods Group has had such a positive experience launching operations in the St. Louis region," said Lamie. "We look forward to watching the Wright City facility grow to the full capacity at its enviable location, where the company will continue to benefit from the major investment being made in Interstate 70."

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