



**Congratulations to Partnership investor Commerce Bank for being named number 3 on
Forbes magazine's list of "America's Best Banks."**

**We love hearing good news about businesses that we have assisted
in finding their Liberty area location.
These range in space size from 1,000 to 36,000 square feet,
in employee numbers from 1 to 100 and
the business sectors are retail, service and light industrial.**

The Tribune recently shared the story of Tasty Thai located in the Liberty Triangle. It's a great story about this family owned business. We met with Darat Owens a couple of times, assisted with their business plan and provided some space comparisons. The food is excellent, service great and it's Northland-family-owned.

The Tribune also had a story about Ginger Nicolaus, owner of SIZEDOWN. In our visit with her back in July of '08, I could see the sincerity she had in wanting to help people get healthy. Finding the right space entailed first figuring out how much space she needed! Good to hear she continues her commitment to helping people.

Vari-Form from Canada located to Liberty in 2007, a project we worked with our partner - KCADC's Smart Port. Vari-Form was one of our award winners that year . . . good to see their award-winning trend continues!



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Automotive Supplier Vari-Form Receives Ford Q1 Award for Hydroformed Component Production Quality, Reliability, and Service

Vari-Form, one of the world's largest producers of hydroformed structural components for the automotive industry, received the prestigious Ford Q1 Award, Ford Motor Company's highest recognition for supplier quality, on December 15th, 2009 at their plant in Liberty, Missouri.

Stephen Dow, Vari-Form's President stated "We are extremely proud to be recognized by Ford as one of its Tier I Preferred Quality Status suppliers. This Q1 certification acknowledges the hard work and excellent results the Vari-Form team has achieved, and we are honored to display the Ford Q1 flag at our facility."