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Growth at the EROS Data Center continued during 1975. Evidence of this growth is:

1. The second LANDSAT satellite was launched in January, now giving us coverage of the earth every 9 days.
2. Sales of products from the Center doubled from \$1,500,000 to almost \$3,000,000 per year.
3. An additional 70 people were hired, most of which are professional engineers and scientists. Total staffing is now 375.
4. The payroll at the Data Center now exceeds \$5,000,000 a year in the local area.
5. Construction of a new 15,000 sq. ft. facility support building was initiated with completion scheduled for January 1976.
6. The new \$4,000,000 Burroughs 6700 computer, one of the largest installations in the Midwest, was installed.
7. Senator Young of North Dakota was in attendance when the entry boulevard was named for him as an expression of appreciation for his past and future help.
8. Three international classes of 30 days' duration were conducted for over 100 visiting scientists from 50 different countries.
9. Over 40 other training sessions or workshops for this country's scientists and resource engineers were held for over 1,000 people.
10. Over 50,000 visitors to the Data Center.
11. The First Annual Pecora Symposium attracted over 600 scientists and resource managers from across the country and 20 foreign nations to Sioux Falls during the last week in October. Included among the attendees were 9 distinguished scientists from the Soviet Union.
12. It is estimated that the Data Center booked or caused to be booked over 10,000 hotel room nights in the local Sioux Falls area over the last year.
13. The Data Center is formulating plans for a major residency program to attract top scientists and resource managers from throughout the world for stays of one to two years.

Sioux Falls has truly become an international Center for specialized training in space applications.

Staff thanks Sioux Falls.