A designer and builder of grain elevators and feed mills for agricultural facilities throughout the Midwest was founded in the early 1920s in Meriden, KS (population 813). As the company grew throughout the twentieth century, the need for dependable parts fabrication to support construction installations became a critical need. This led the business to the establishment of an in-house metalworking department in 1984 to create the quality components needed for precision construction. The metal shop changed its name to Ernest–Spencer Metals (ESM) in 1993 and began offering high quality fabrication services to more and larger clients until the company had become one of the largest fabrication providers in North America. In 2005, ESM added a standalone powder coating and finishing facility in Ottawa, KS that closed a production loop allowing the company to deliver completed products and components from raw materials. The fourth generation, currently running this family-owned business, obtained two SBA 504 loans for refinancing its debt in early 2018, saving the owners hundreds of thousands of dollars. This refinancing led directly to the creation of working capital for the retention and hiring of 70 workers in this tiny, rural town in Jefferson County. Finally, ESM utilized a third 504 loan when it purchased an additional piece of heavy equipment, further expanding the manufacturer’s capacity.
MAP OF 504S BY DISTRICT IN KANSAS

ADDITIONAL KS BUSINESSES FUNDED

360 Gymnastics, LLC
888 International Market, LLC
A New Day At Home
Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership
Acorns Resort
All Angles Auto Body, LLC
All Saints Home Care Inc.
Americas Best Value Inn
Asset LifeCycle, LLC
Best Western - Hutchinson
Bliss Climbing Corporation
Briggs Nissan
BSE Structural Engineers
Byrd's Dance & Gymnastics, Inc
CD Custom Enterprises
Central Veterinary Services
Clearwater Engineering
Complete Game, LLC
Crestview Liquor, LLC
Cromwell Environmental
Custom Color
Dahmer Contracting Group
Dairy Queen Grill & Chill
Dan's Dirt Works, LLC
Design Source Flooring, LLC
Doersken & Associates
Dunkin' Donuts
Econo Lodge
El Potro Mexican Cafe 2, LLC
Engineered Machine Tool Co.
Express Scale Parts, Inc.
Fanestil Meats

Ferris Kimball
Gold Key Real Corporation
Good Energy Solutions, Inc.
Great Plains Roofing And Sheet
Heartland Equine Hospital, LLC
Heartland Seating
Holiday Inn Express Concordia
Homestead Financial
Honey Tree Academy LLC
Infiniti of Kansas City
K.C. Pumpkin Patch
Kiddi Kollege of Falcon Ridge
Kraft Tank Corp.
Lawrence Child Development Center
Liberty Meadows Training Centee
Loony Bin of Wichita LLC
Luke Kush Corporation
Lulu's Asian Bistro, LLC
Marvin's Tow Service, Inc.
Mia's Bridal and Tailoring LLC
Midland Exteriors
Midtown Signs LLC
Midwest Realty Solutions, LLC
Neuvant East Residential Care
North Topeka Fabrication, LLC
Olympic Car Wash
OP5305 Inc
Optometric Billing Solutions
Palmer Marketing Ent, LLC
Papa Murphy's
Petro Deli, Inc.
Pinamonti Physical Therapy
Polansky Seed, Inc.

Prairie Rollers
Premier Learning
Premier Phlebology, LLC
Primrose School of Olathe
Quick Lube - Gardner, KS
Quik Tek Machining, LLC
Range 54, LLC
Regasa Aerospace, Inc.
RJ's Bob-Be-Que Shack LLC
Rodeway Inn
Rogers Contracting LLC
Sander Furniture
SilverCreek Medical Reimbursement
Sleep Inn & Suites
Stearman Field Bar and Grill
Styles Dance Centre, LLC
Super 8
Sydney's Pet Spa, Inc.
Tallgrass Brewing Company
Tara Boyle DDS
Teeter Oilfield Services, LLC
The Harbor
Thunderbird Tactical
Timber Creek Paper Inc.
Trampo-Lazer-Rockball Park
Trasan Enterprise Inc.
TriArctic Photography
Two Brothers Barbeque & Sports
U, Incorporated
Unruh Family Chiropractic PA
Vector Technologies, Inc.
Wolfe Machine