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Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn and actor Kelsey Grammer celebrated the opening of a new film studio on Chicago's West Side whose owners hope will attract major film and television productions.

Cinespace Chicago Film Studios was built with \$5 million provided through Illinois Jobs Now, and an \$80 million investment by Toronto-based studio owner Nick Mirkopoulos.

With Cinespace Chicago, Quinn said Tuesday the city has become "the complete package -- truly a world class film destination."

The 450,000-square-foot studio is located in a building once owned by Ryerson Steel. It currently is the production site for a cable drama called "Boss" that stars Grammer as the mayor of Chicago.

Mirkopoulos says he hopes to acquire the entire 48-acre Ryerson site and expand production space to 1.2 million square feet.