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**COMPANIES CHOOSE OHIO TO GROW OPERATIONS***Eighteen Projects Expected to Create 1,609 Jobs Throughout the State*

**COLUMBUS** – Eighteen companies spanning a variety of industry groups are expected to collectively invest \$440 million and create a projected 1,609 jobs, generating an additional \$80 million in payroll across the state. Decisions to locate or expand in Ohio were made with support from economic development incentives approved on Monday by the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA).

In nearly every case Ohio faced stiff competition from other states also vying for these projects, making the state's growing jobs-friendly climate and responsiveness of officials in the JobsOhio Network key factors in the companies' decisions.

The projects approved by the TCA include:

- An expansion project by Valued Relationships, Inc. to grow operations in Franklin (Warren County). The health monitoring company is expected to create 125 new jobs and add \$3.9 million in new payroll with the help of a 45 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit.
- Shale's impact on northeast Ohio's economy continues as Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations is expected to hire 700 people and invest \$64 million in a new facility in Massillon (Stark County), allowing the company to establish an operations base to service Utica shale wells. Baker Hughes would utilize the approved 65 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for project.
- Glass manufacturer and supplier, AGC Flat Glass North America, Inc., is expected to expand its Bellefontaine (Logan County) facility and create 100 jobs. With the help of a 50 percent, 13-year Job Creation Tax Credit, AGC Flat Glass will invest \$28 million to upgrade the facility.
- Ohio's infrastructure and agricultural industry will be positively impacted by Consolidated Grain and Barge's expected investment of more than \$17.7 million in a commodity-based rail shipment facility in Defiance (Defiance County). The project would use a 35 percent, five-year Job Creation Tax Credit to create 15 jobs at the new facility.

**Additional Approvals by the TCA****LEM Products, LLC**

LEM Products, LLC expects to create 14 full-time positions, generating \$670,000 in additional annual payroll (and retaining \$1.2 million in existing payroll) as a result of the company's expansion project in a location yet-to-be determined. The mail order, online, and wholesale company received approval from the TCA for a 40 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

**Central Ohio****B. Hubbard Enterprises, LLC, City of Lancaster (Fairfield County)**

B. Hubbard Enterprises, LLC expects to create 40 full-time positions, generating \$1.7 million in new annual payroll, as a result of the company's relocation project in the City of Lancaster (Fairfield

County). The company, which markets and distributes oil and gas field equipment, received approval for a 40 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit from the TCA.

**Manifold & Phalor, Inc., Village of Canal Winchester (Fairfield County)**

Manifold & Phalor, Inc., expects to create 30 full-time positions, generating \$1.1 million in additional annual payroll (and retaining \$1.8 million in existing payroll) as part of the company's expansion project in the Village of Canal Winchester (Fairfield County). The company, a one-stop source for industrial customers needing machining, fabricating, and machine building services, received approval from the TCA for a 40 percent, five-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

**Rampart Hosting, LLC, City of Columbus (Franklin County)**

Rampart Housing, LLC expects to create 26 full-time positions, generating \$2.1 million in additional annual payroll (and retaining \$800,000 in existing payroll), as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Columbus (Franklin County). The company, an information technology development, support, and management company, received approval from the TCA for a 40 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

**Northeastern Ohio**

**Blue Tractor Foods, LLC, Village of South Russell (Geauga County)**

Blue Tractor Foods LLC expects to create 51 full-time positions, generating \$1.1 million in additional annual payroll (and retaining \$113,000 in existing payroll) as a result of its expansion project in the Village of South Russell (Geauga County). The company, a developer and private label co-pack manufacturer of snack foods, received approval for a 40 percent, five-year Job Creation Tax Credit from the TCA.

**AirGas, USA, LLC, City of Independence (Cuyahoga County)**

AirGas, USA, LLC expects to create 64 full-time positions, generating \$2.6 million in additional annual payroll (and retaining \$7.8 million in existing payroll) as a result of its expansion project to renovate an existing facility and add new machinery and equipment in Independence (Cuyahoga County). The company, the largest U.S. distributor of industrial, medical and specialty gases, and hard goods, such as welding equipment and supplies, received approval from the TCA for a 45 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

**Exterran Energy Solutions, L.P., City of Youngstown (Mahoning County)**

Exterran Energy Solutions, L.P. expects to create 103 full-time positions, generating \$4.9 million in new payroll as a result of Exterran's plans to establish a new fabrication facility for natural gas surface production equipment in Youngstown (Mahoning County). The company, a provider of operations, maintenance, service, and equipment for oil and natural gas production, processing, and transportation applications, received approval from the TCA for a 55 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

**Certech, City of Twinsburg (Summit County)**

Certech expects to create 80 full-time positions, generating \$6.6 million in additional annual payroll (and retaining \$2.6 million in existing payroll) as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Twinsburg (Summit County). The company, a provider of engineered solutions using ceramics, glass, precious metals, and other related materials for the aircraft, aerospace, and industrial gas turbine industries, received approval from the TCA for a 50 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

**Quaker City Castings, City of Salem (Columbiana County)**

Korff Holdings, LLC (dba as Quaker City Castings), expects to create 30 full-time positions, generating \$700,000 in additional payroll (and retaining \$4.5 million in existing payroll) as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Salem (Columbiana County). The company, an iron and steel foundry operator creating cylinder liners and various castings, received approval for a 36 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit from the TCA.

## **Southwest Ohio**

### **Integrity Express Logistics LLC, Village of Woodlawn (Hamilton County)**

Integrity Express Logistics LLC expects to create approximately 36 full-time positions, generating \$1.4 million in additional payroll (and retaining \$1.6 million in existing payroll) as part of the company's relocation to the Village of Woodlawn (Hamilton County). The company, a veteran-owned international company with more than 30 years in logistics and trucking, received approval from the TCA for a 40 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

### **Metal-Matic, Inc., City of Middletown (Butler County)**

Metal-Matic, Inc., expects to create 80 full-time equivalent positions, generating \$2.9 million in new annual payroll as a result of the company's new location in the City of Middletown (Butler County). The company, a manufacturer of carbon steel tubing, received approval from the TCA for a 55 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

### **Protection Devices, Inc., City of Fairfield (Butler County)**

Protection Devices, Inc. expects to create 20 full-time positions, generating \$900,000 in new annual payroll as a result of its new location project in the City of Fairfield (Butler County). The company, a manufacturer of armored passenger vehicles, received approval from the TCA for a 35 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit.

## **Western Ohio**

### **General Pet Supply Ohio Valley, LLC, City of Vandalia (Montgomery County)**

General Pet Supply, Inc., expects to create 45 full-time positions, generating \$1.2 million in new annual payroll as a result of its new location project in the City of Vandalia (Montgomery County). The TCA approved a 40 percent, five-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

### **Hartzell Fan, Inc., City of Piqua (Miami County)**

Hartzell Fan Inc., expects to create 50 full-time positions, generating \$2 million in additional annual payroll (and retaining \$6.6 million in existing payroll) as a result of the company's expansion project in the City of Piqua (Miami County). The company, a manufacturer of industrial air moving equipment, received approval from the TCA for a 50 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the project.

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