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GOVERNOR LEE, COMMISSIONER ROLFE ANNOUNCE NOVUS ADVANCED MANUFACTURING, INC TO EXPAND OPERATIONS IN ST. JOSEPH

- Novus will create 174 new jobs in Lawrence County over the next five years
- Company plans to invest \$2 million in expansion

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Novus Advanced Manufacturing, Inc officials announced today that the company will expand its manufacturing operations in St. Joseph. The steel framing manufacturer will invest \$2 million and create 174 new jobs in Lawrence County.

Novus Advanced Manufacturing LLC, a subsidiary of Hunt Services, Inc., is a manufacturer of steel framing components and accessories for the construction of commercial and residential structures. The company specializes in manufacturing steel panels for the hospitality and retail center sectors. The company has had operations in Lawrence County since 2016.

With this expansion, Novus plans on locating operations into a new, larger building in St. Joseph to keep up with the companies growing capacity.

Since 2013, TNECD has supported 9 projects in Lawrence County, resulting in the creation of nearly 900 new jobs and approximately \$48 million in capital investment.

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“Tennessee’s economy is built on existing companies like Novus continuing to succeed in our state. I appreciate Novus for seeing the advantages of doing business in Tennessee and choosing to expand and create nearly 175 new jobs in St. Joseph. I look forward to continuing our partnership with Novus and wish them future success in Lawrence County.” – **Gov. Bill Lee**

“I want to congratulate Novus on its decision to expand in Lawrence County. Tennessee continues to be a hub for the manufacturing industry, with more than 2,300 manufacturing establishments located in Tennessee. I want to thank Novus for creating 174 high quality manufacturing jobs and expanding its operations in St. Joseph.” – **TNECD Commissioner Bob Rolfe**

On behalf of my family and Hunt Services, Inc., I would like to thank all of the local leaders in St. Joseph, Lawrence County and the State of Tennessee for helping us to bring the Novus Advanced Manufacturing plant to fruition. This vision was born on a napkin in a restaurant four years ago and has become a reality due to everyone’s hard work and attention to detail. Our road ahead will be challenging in both a negative and positive way, but because of our products, our innovative approaches, our people, and this community, we anticipate being extremely successful and in turn will share that success with our employees and the Lawrence County community.” – **Novus Advanced Manufacturing, LLC President David Hunt**

“This investment, and the new jobs being created as a result, speak to the advantages of doing business in Lawrence County. Our team looks forward to continually supporting Novus Advanced Manufacturing as it grows.”— **Lawrence County Mayor TR Williams**

“We want to congratulate Novus on this exciting news. This is a great time for our city, and we look forward to working with Novus as it continues to grow in St. Joseph.”— **St. Joseph Mayor Bubba Carter**

“I’m proud to help announce that Novus Advanced Manufacturing LLC will be opening a new location and expanding their successful operations with the addition of 174 new jobs. This is an exciting day for our Lawrence County Community as we continue to bring new and better paying jobs to Tennesseans.”— **Senator Joey Hensley (R – Hohenwald)**

“I appreciate Governor Lee, our Department of Economic and Community Development, and Novus Advanced Manufacturing LLC for their investment in our community. Congratulations to our local leaders for securing these high-quality jobs. I appreciate their partnership, and I was pleased to support their efforts bringing more new jobs to District 70.” – **Rep. Clay Doggett (R-Pulaski)**