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Governor Lee, Commissioner McWhorter Announce CG Model Tek LLC to Begin Operations in Coffee County

Aerospace modeling and manufacturing company to create more than 30 jobs in Tullahoma, Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter and CG Model Tek LLC officials announced today the company will expand its manufacturing operations to Coffee County.

CG Model Tek will invest \$4.5 million and create 32 jobs through the project, which includes purchasing the assets of longtime Tullahoma, Tennessee, company, Micro Craft. CG Model Tek will operate similarly to Micro Craft, serving the aerospace and defense industry.

Since 2020, TNECD has supported 77 economic development projects in Southern Middle Tennessee, resulting in nearly 10,000 job commitments and more than \$6 billion in capital investments.

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“What happens in rural Tennessee matters to all Tennesseans, and I thank CG Model Tek for its investment in Coffee County. I look forward to seeing the positive impact these high-quality jobs will bring to the families across this community.” – **Gov. Bill Lee**

“With assets like Arnold Air Force Base and the University of Tennessee Space Institute, Tullahoma is the quintessential location to support CG Model Tek. Tennessee’s aerospace and defense industry will be strengthened because of today’s announcement, and we are grateful to all our partners who helped to bring this project to fruition.” – **TNECD Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter**

“Having spent over 30 years in the aerospace wind tunnel model and development industry, I can unequivocally state that there has always been a need for multiple players on the field. With the loss of Micro Craft, there would have been a significant challenge in the U.S. aerospace industry to support the development needs for both the commercial and defense players. We are proud to help fill that need as well as being able to partner with the local and state staff to create something meaningful for the community, the U.S. aerospace base and, most importantly, the war fighter.” – **Chris Athaide, CEO, CG Model Tek**

"TVA and Tullahoma Utilities Board congratulate CG Model Tek on its decision to establish operations in Coffee County. Helping to support companies that create job opportunities and investment in the region is fundamental to TVA's mission of service. We are proud to partner with the Industrial Board of Coffee County, Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce, Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to further that mission and celebrate this announcement together." – **John Bradley, TVA senior vice president of economic development**

"We are fortunate that CG Model Tek chose to locate in Tullahoma and keep the facility operating. Their unique facilities support critical national defense operations, and the CG Model Tek team are the only ones that could have saved the facility from being auctioned. It was important for the city and the state to keep machines at CG Model Tek running to maintain our aerospace legacy and keep those technical jobs. We were pleased to use our city's small business loan to help this entrepreneurial company, and we worked with our TNECD partners to introduce them to the other economic development stakeholders in our region." – **Tullahoma Mayor Lynn Sebourn**

"I am excited to announce that CG Model Tek will be making a \$4.5 million investment in Tullahoma. CG Model Tek plays a key role in both the aerospace and defense sectors, and this investment will create more than 30 new jobs. I want to extend my thanks to everyone who contributed to making this milestone possible. We look forward to the positive impact this will have on our community and state." – **Sen. Janice Bowling (R-Tullahoma)**

"CG Model Tek's investment of \$4.5 million and the creation of 32 new jobs is a tremendous win for Tullahoma and our entire region. This is a strong demonstration of the continued growth and innovation happening in Tennessee's aerospace and defense industries, and I am proud to see companies like CG Model Tek choosing to invest in our community." – **Rep. Rush Bricken (R-Tullahoma)**

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