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PCDA PERSPECTIVE

Green Metals, Inc. Chooses Putnam County

Governor Wise Makes Announcement While in Japan

Governor Bob Wise hosted a June press conference live from Japan to announce that Green Metals, Inc. had chosen Putnam County as the site for its newest facility. The company has purchased a 7.25 acre tract at the Eleanor Industrial Park and plans to construct an approximately 20,000 square foot metals recycling facility at the industrial park.

The company, which recycles scrap metal from Toyota and other large manufacturers, plans to build an environmentally safe facility at the industrial park in Eleanor.

Green Metals, Inc. currently has an approximately 36,000 square foot facility in Georgetown, KY. The company is a joint venture involving Toyota Tsusho Corp. (Japan), Toyota Tsusho America, Inc., Nakadaya Corp. (Japan) and ARK, Inc.



The company is a leader in environmentally protective recycling of industrial scrap metal commodities with operations in accordance with ISO 14001 standards. These standards ensure environmentally safe recycling for the industrial scrap metal generator as well as the general public.

The company announced that it selected Putnam County and West Virginia because of its excellent available labor force, strategic location, available land and the working relationship with state and local officials and Toyota Tsusho Corp. The new facility is expected to be in operation in the fourth quarter of 2002. **Welcome Green Metals, Inc. to Putnam County.**

Toyota Donates New Sienna Van to PCDA

Toyota plants around the nation celebrated production of the company's 10,000,000 vehicle on Friday, July 29. To help celebrate the event, officials from the Buffalo plant presented Toyota Sienna mini vans to the Putnam County Development Authority and the Putnam Career and Technical Center. PCDA will use the van in efforts to attract and retain jobs within Putnam County.

TMMWV General Manager David Copenhaver said, "Economic development and education are keys to Putnam County's future. We are proud to present the keys to these Siennas to two organizations that will help drive the Putnam County of tomorrow."

The company's milestone is the result of a 16-year, \$13 billion investment in its North American manufacturing operations, which today is the centerpiece of the company's growth strategy, allowing

Toyota to secure its place as one of the world's leading automotive manufacturers.

TMMWV currently employs about 900 team members at Buffalo. The company produces 4-cylinder engines for the Toyota Corolla, Matrix and the Pontiac Vibe. *(continued on page 2)*



PCDA President Wayne Bennett accepts the key and thanks Toyota for a tremendous asset that will assist the organization in its job development efforts.

PCDA Receives New Toyota Sienna (continued from page 1)

The Buffalo facility also produces V6 engines for the Toyota Avalon and Sienna minivan and automatic transmissions for the Toyota Camry. In 2003, TMMWV will also produce the engine and transmission for the Lexus RX300. Current yearly production capacity is 340,000 4-cylinder engines, 200,000 V6 engines and 360,000 automatic transmissions.

At a ceremony conducted by company headquarters, representatives from Toyota Motor Manufacturing North American (TMMNA), the parent company of Toyota's manufacturing operations in the United States, Canada and Mexico, presented the ten millionth vehicle manufactured in North America. Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda, honorary chairman of Toyota Motor Corporation, drove the vehicle, a Toyota Camry, off the production line at the organization's Georgetown, KY facility. Following the presentation, event participants traveled to the manufacturing headquarters in Erlanger, KY for a closing ceremony and luncheon. TMMWV Team Leader, Tara Lusher, was selected as one of the two employees from Toyota's North American operations to speak at the closing ceremony. The roomy Sienna mini van will be a tremendous asset to PCDA's recruitment efforts.



(L-R) Putnam County Commission President Clinton Beaver, PCDA President Wayne Bennett, Commissioner James Caruthers, TMMWV President Yutaka Mizuno, TMMWV General Manager-Administration David Copenhaver, and Commissioner James Withrow.

Hurricane Dedicates New Municipal Building



In the photo at left, Mayor Raymond Peak (with scissors) was joined by local and state dignitaries for a ribbon cutting on June 14 for the new Hurricane Municipal Building.



The city's new facilities are easily accessible and located at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV, just west of Hurricane High School.

WV Economic Development Grant Committee Has Work Cut Out

The Putnam County Development Authority spent countless hours recently preparing applications for submission to the recently created West Virginia Economic Development Grant Committee. The first application was submitted June 3 and requested \$1,480,000 in grant funds. The grant would be used to complete utility extensions, industrial access road, demolition and site preparation to finish Phase I of the business park at Fraziers Bottom. Phase I includes about 63 acres of the 205 acre tract. On June 28th, PCDA's Executive Director was joined by Putnam County Commissioner James Caruthers, Putnam County Chamber Director Marty Chapman and Thrasher Engineering's Chad Biller in making a presentation to the grant committee in Charleston.

Two other applications were submitted on June 28, 2002. The first requested \$100,000 to be used toward construction of a rail spur at Eleanor Industrial Park. The grant is in support of the new Green Metals, Inc. facility at the park.

The final application submitted requested \$300,000 to be used by the development authority in support of the expansion project proposed by West Virginia Steel. The company proposes to construct new offices at its Poca facility.

Grant committee presentations were completed on July 19 and included representatives from each of the companies. The committee is expected to certify projects to be funded in late August and construction could start by the end of the year.

PCDA Hosts visitors from Nepal

On July 17th, PCDA hosted 10 visitors from the Kingdom of Nepal. The authority was asked to host an interactive session with the visitors to explain the process of economic development in Putnam County. The visitors also toured the new Putnam Business Park in Fraziers Bottom and took a driving tour of a portion of the county by driving by the Toyota Motor Manufacturing plant at Buffalo and the Eleanor Industrial Park.

The visit was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and coordinated locally by Bluefield State College's Center for International Understanding. Visitors included representatives from the office of the Prime Minister as well as Mayors and local government officials from Nepal.

All For 1

VOTE FOR AMENDMENT ONE November 5, 2002

Governor Bob Wise is being joined by business and labor leaders in West Virginia asking for voters to approve Amendment One on this November's ballot.

Amendment One, the Local Option Economic Development Amendment, is a local economic development tool that can help create quality jobs in West Virginia. It is a financing option that counties and municipalities can use to attract and finance new job growth in the state.

Of course, one question always in the minds of voters is "how will it affect me and my taxes?" **The answer is a simple one, taxpayers will not see an increase in their property taxes.**

Amendment One, the Local Option Economic Development Amendment, has wide-ranging support. In June, Governor



Governor Bob Wise is an animated speaker at a July 29 town meeting at the Putnam County Courthouse. The Governor talked about the state's economic development and pushed for approval of Amendment One

(photo right) Visitors tour Putnam Business Park and ask questions of PCDA's Executive Director, Gary Walton (with back to camera).

Photo courtesy of
WOWK TV



Bob Wise asked the business and labor communities, as well as members of the legislature and local, county and state government to form the All For One Committee in support of Amendment One.

Jim Bowen, president of the West Virginia AFL-CIO, and Paul Arbogast, former president of the West Virginia Roundtable, serve as honorary chairmen for the All For One Committee.

Dana Waldo, president and CEO of the West Virginia Roundtable, and Steve White, director of the Affiliated Construction Trades Foundation, serve as working chairmen for the committee.

If you would like to learn more about the amendment or would like to join the committee in its work to assure passage of Amendment One this fall, please call 304-556-9129 or visit the group's web site at:

www.wvallfor1.org

GW Elementary Students Visit Bio-Chem Testing, Inc.



This eager group of students from George Washington Elementary School recently participated in a tour and question and answer at Bio-Chem Testing, Inc. facility on Teays Valley Road. Ms. Mary Kuhl and Ms. Amy Dipalla brought the class to visit Bio-Chem's new facilities on May 1st.

Bio-Chem Testing, Inc. is an independent environmental laboratory whose customers include municipal wastewater treatment facilities, landfills, consulting and engineering firms, waste management companies and various industries. To learn more about Bio-Chem, visit their web site at www.biochemtesting.com.

Industrial Prospects Visit Putnam Business Park

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Bill Turner (right) exits a helicopter bringing industrial prospects to visit the Putnam Business Park in Fraziers Bottom recently. The visitors got a “birds eye view” of the business park.

TMMWV Named Number 1 Four-cylinder Mfg. Plant in North America

Toyota and West Virginia workers have another award to brag about. **The Harbour Report North America 2002** ranked TMMWV NUMBER ONE in the four-cylinder engine performance category with a productivity rating of 2.4 hours per engine. In the six-cylinder engine size category, TMMWV was third with 3.67 hours per engine.

The annual study conducted by Harbour and Associates, Inc., a Michigan-based manufacturing and management consulting and automotive research firm, measures assembly, stamping and power train productivity performances—plant-by-plant, and company-by-company—for automotive manufacturers in North America.

According to David Copenhaver, General Manager of Administration for TMMWV, “we are honored to have earned the benchmark ranking for other four-cylinder plants to follow.” He continued, “This is national recognition of our team members’ dedication, hard work and commitment to quality in the jobs they do every day. Our team members know that getting the job done right the first time means less re-work and that high productivity follows high quality.”

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