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Superior Inspections of LA Announces Move to Gallatin

New Company Will Employ 40-50 People in Tennessee

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Superior Inspections of Los Angeles, California, announced today that it is moving its operations to Gallatin, Tennessee. The company, which serves as a contracted quality control inspection and repair agent of companies such as ITW-CIP said that it would relocate a handful of its 40 employees while hiring the bulk of the staff from the Gallatin work force. Officials say that the company expects to employ 40-50 people once fully operational. The move was made to better serve ITW-CIP and its growing Gallatin facility.

“As the Gallatin ITW plant grows and its share of our overall business grows, it only made sense that we all would be better served to be just down the road from them instead of across the country,” Superior Inspections president Steve Muzynski said. “We will realize a great deal of savings in efficiencies because of the location and we think we will find added profitability due to the overall cost of business in Tennessee compared to California.”

City officials say that the Superior Inspections announcement serves as a testament to Gallatin’s commitment to job creation and will help strengthen its pro-business reputation.

“We are very pleased to welcome another company into our City,” Mayor JoAnn Graves said. “We have worked hard to create a business friendly environment and with each announcement, that commitment is reaffirmed. I think that Superior Inspections’ relationship to ITW-CIP and the events leading them to us go to show that the City is also wise to maintain its close working relationships with our existing businesses as they can be great ambassadors and recruiters for us.”

The announcement comes on the heels of ITW-CIP’s 39,000 square foot expansion of its Gallatin plant and the increased production that the facility will now accommodate. ITW-CIP makes fasteners primarily used in the automotive and related industries. Officials said that the move should be mutually beneficial as ITW broadens its product line. Superior has a 15-year relationship with ITW and a deep understanding of its product line and needs, particularly in serving the automotive industry.

“ITW-CIP Tennessee is pleased that Superior Inspections has chosen to relocate to Gallatin,” ITW General Manager Dave Jose said. “They are a significant supplier of service for the products that we are adding to our operation here in Tennessee. This relationship will ensure the successful launch and growth of this product line.”

Superior officials said that the Gallatin Economic Development Agency made their search a great deal easier with its quick response time in providing thorough and pertinent information about available buildings, the region's workforce, and the community as a whole.

"We didn't receive this kind of assistance when we relocated from Michigan to California and we have been overwhelmed by the local support we have received here," company vice-president Alisa Musynski said. "It is obvious to us that we are relocating to a city that values business."

Gallatin EDA Executive Director Clay Walker said that this project illustrates the importance of his organization's existing industry efforts and credited Jose for referring Superior Inspections to him.

"In working with Dave and his staff through our GEAR (Gallatin Expansion and Retention) program and subsequently on their expansion and other projects, we formed the relationship that gave him the confidence to refer us to a business associate," Walker said. "We have been fortunate in Gallatin, particularly over the past year or two when the nation's economy has been so challenged, to work with our existing business and industry on projects to retain and even add jobs. I think the credit goes to our having so many great companies in our community and to having such an outstanding workforce that enables and encourages growth here.

"We, as a city and as an economic development organization, can sell and sell and sell, but nothing sells like success stories and the ITW-Gallatin success story has led not only to the ITW expansion, but to the location of another company, which is another win for Gallatin and the region."

Superior Inspections will move into a 20,000 square foot facility on North Water Street and hopes to begin operations in November. The company will accept resumes and applications through the Career Center, located at 175 College Street (615-451-5800).