

## Chillicothe Manufacturer Receives Fluor-BWXT Economic Development Grant for Expansion



Pictured (left to right): Peggy Davis (Fluor-BWXT), Daphne Mosley (JEDISO), Tammy Eallonardo (Ross County Economic Development), Kelly O'Bryant (OSU Small Business Development), Bob Smith and Tim Poe (Fluor-BWXT), Chuck Eyre (Douglas Industries) and Sam Brady and Gary Arnett (JEDISO)

**Chillicothe, Ohio** – Fluor-BWXT Portsmouth along with the Joint Economic Development Initiative of Southern Ohio (JEDISO) recently provided an economic development grant to Douglas Industries of Chillicothe.

Douglas Industries, originally founded in 1984 as Task Machine Fabrication, used the \$17,636 grant to invest in a new state-of-the-art lathe to support the needs of local paper-industry customers such as Sofidel and Pixelle.

“Part of our mission as a community partner is helping create a sustainable economic future for southern Ohio,” said Bob Smith, Fluor-BWXT Site Project Director. “We are pleased to help locally owned and operated companies like Douglas Industries.”

Fluor-BWXT is currently decommissioning and cleaning up the former uranium enrichment plant in Pike County. The company sets aside dollars each year to invest back into the JEDISO region (Ross, Pike, Scioto and Jackson Counties) to help build a healthy economy for the future. Fluor-BWXT has provided more than \$3.7 million in economic grants since 2012, which has helped create approximately 900 jobs and retain another 450 in southern Ohio.

If your business is considering expansion or the purchase of equipment that bring additional jobs to Ross County, contact Tammy Eallonardo at Greater Chillicothe & Ross County Development to learn about business incentives (740-772-5100, [teallonardo@gcrccd.com](mailto:teallonardo@gcrccd.com)).



Chuck Eyre (right) who co-owns Douglas Industries with Brenda Gordon is pictured explaining details about the new computer-operated lathe which was purchased with a Fluor-BWXT economic grant valued at \$17,636.



Gentry Martel, a machinist at Douglas Industries, demonstrates the new technologically-advanced lathe. Martel, a new employee, was trained on similar computer-based equipment.