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Roadwork Completes Riffle Machine Works Expansion in Chillicothe

Chillicothe, Ohio: March 10, 2020 — In October, Riffle Machine Works began moving forward with a \$1.6 million capital investment expansion which is creating an extra 47,000 square feet to their facility and adding 25 new jobs. The decision was made because they work in a highly competitive market and Riffle Machine Works wanted to be prepared to support their customers with the increased capacity.

The JobsOhio/OhioSE team supported this project development which resulted in a JobsOhio Economic Development Grant of \$50,000. Appreciative of the support, Tim Riffle, Riffle Machine Works President said, "When we began to think about what the future might hold for Riffle Machine Works, we turned to OhioSE and JobsOhio. The assistance they gave made the development and planning seamless and the realization of this expansion project a reality. We appreciate the assistance through each step of the way. It's nice to know that we have a long-term relationship in OhioSE and JobsOhio."

This company growth recently spurred another project to alleviate traffic delays and congestion at Riffle Machine Work's entrance, constructing a right-turn lane from northbound Ohio 159 at their south access point. Through a 629 Roadwork Grant to Ross County, assistance will be provided to construct the lane, reducing traffic congestion in the corridor which will have increased truck traffic with the new expansion. This roadway project completes the current Riffle Machine Works expansion project.

"Supporting the continued growth for Riffle Machine Works is key to further development and employment opportunities in Ross County," said Katy Farber, OhioSE VP. "By providing assistance for the expansion project and the roadwork improvements, we can be confident that this important corridor can support current and future investment."

Founded in 1980, Riffle's humble beginnings employed only three, but the company grew significantly in 2001 when they received their first assembly-line project from Kenworth. This resulted in a few expansions over the years, from an initial 50,000-square-foot facility to the current 300,000 square feet between 2007 and 2016.

The Riffle family strongly believes in faith, family and local community. This addition is one way the Riffles believe they can give back to the community- through job creation.

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