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Schaad and Sons of McConnellsville Plans Investment to Support Growth Goals

McConnellsville, OH: November 24, 2020 — Schaad and Sons, a manufacturer of custom architectural woodwork and cabinets, in collaboration with JobsOhio, Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), and Morgan County Improvement Corporation, announced today plans to invest in equipment to improve automation and productivity to drive future growth. The McConnellsville company, started almost two decades ago in a garage, has grown into a comprehensive 18,000-square-foot manufacturing facility and showroom employing thirteen full-time skilled staff and craftsmen.

“As a company, one of our guiding principles has been to embrace new technology to reinforce our commitment to consistent quality in the manufacturing of customized, hand-finished, high-quality, solid woods into architectural millwork and cabinets,” said owner Ryan Schaad.

According to Schaad, the company plans to invest over \$150,000 to achieve growth goals for its products outside of the state of Ohio in both residential and commercial markets. “Our goal is to automate manual production steps while increasing capacity without sacrificing quality,” he said. The company plans to purchase four pieces of capital intensive equipment that will create three new, full-time jobs at the facility.

A JobsOhio Inclusion Grant of \$50,000 obtained through JobsOhio’s regional partner, OhioSE, will support the machinery and equipment investment. The JobsOhio Inclusion Grant exists to provide financial support for eligible projects in designated distressed communities and/or for businesses owned by underrepresented populations across the state.

“Schaad and Sons is an excellent entrepreneurial success story for Southern Ohio,” said OhioSE President Mike Jacoby. “Ryan and his wife Jessica have much to be proud of and have set the bar high for their industry. We and our partners at JobsOhio welcome the company’s continued growth in service and impact in Morgan County.”

“Small business owners are essential to the growth and success of the local economies in which they reside and operate”, stated Carl Raines, Executive Director of the Morgan County Improvement Corporation.

“Ryan’s qualitative strategy of enhancing sales, supporting a good team of employees crafting a quality product backed with great service, and his vision has led to Schaad and Sons continuous growth and expansion over the past twenty years”, said Raines.

“When I learned of the Inclusion Grant program from our JobsOhioSE representative Tom Poorman, Tom and I quickly agreed the program could possibly assist Ryan’s business given our meetings, discussions, and tours we have had over the past few years regarding Schaad and Sons plans and forecasts relating to expansion”, Raines concluded.

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JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through [Find Your Ohio](#). JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Ohio Southeast Economic Development](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#) and [Team NEO](#). Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE) is the JobsOhio Network Partner for southern, eastern, and southeastern Ohio, providing economic development work and resources in 25 rural counties; they are the newest and geographically the largest of the six regions across the state. OhioSE partners closely with regional development districts, local economic development offices, state agencies, and other entities to expand, retain, and attract businesses in the counties they serve. Learn more at OhioSE.com.

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