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### **Locally Owned Sunrush Water Plans New Expansion in Wellston to Meet Customer Demand**

**Wellston, Ohio: April 28, 2021** — Sunrush Water, a commercial water company founded in 2006, in collaboration with JobsOhio, Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), and Jackson County Ohio Economic Development Partnership today announced new expansion plans for the Wellston operation that will double capacity for water treatment and processing.

The veteran owned company has experienced steady sales growth for its integrated water products. The investment of \$200,000 for new machinery and equipment will position the company to greatly increase sales while adding three full-time employees in Wellston. JobsOhio is providing a \$50,000 Inclusion Grant to Sunrush Water to be applied towards M&E costs associated with the expansion.

“We would like to thank OhioSE and the Jackson County Economic Development Partnership for the support for our expansion,” said Sunrush Water President, Michael Blum. “Use of the JobsOhio Inclusion Grant will allow us to ramp up our production on an accelerated timeline to meet our customer’s needs.”

Sunrush Water is a commercial water manufacturer, processor, bottler and distributor for residential and commercial customers in Ohio and several surrounding states. The company also provides custom label bottled water, delivery of three and five gallon water for coolers, coffee service and water cooler sales and service. The Wellston operation of Sunrush Water serves as the company’s manufacturing and distribution center. Water treatment and service work are performed at Sunrush Water’s Piketon facility. The company’s headquarters are located in Piketon, Ohio.

“It has been less than a year since we first welcomed Sunrush Water to Jackson County, and could not be more excited that they are already expanding their bottling operation in Wellston,” said Sam Brady, President and CEO of the Jackson County Economic Development Partnership. Brady continued, “I commend JobsOhio and Ohio Southeast Economic Development for the outstanding support provided for this project through the JobsOhio Inclusion Program, but the biggest thanks goes to Michael Blum and the Sunrush Water team for their continued investment in Jackson County and its world-class food and beverage cluster.”

“Sunrush’s expansion in Jackson County is a testament to the strong food and beverage cluster in the community,” said Mike Jacoby, President of OhioSE. “Sunrush is a great veteran-owned small business that has found its competitive niche in southern Ohio and we look forward to their continued growth.”

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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](http://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](http://OhioSE.com).

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