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Baker Hughes step closer to city with approval of tax incentives

By Matthew Rink

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority has awarded a 65-percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit to Houston-based Baker Hughes, an oil field service provider, to build a \$64 million facility in Massillon and create 700 full-time jobs.

A press release from Gov. John Kasich and the Ohio Department of Development highlights the Baker Hughes project, noting that “shale’s impact on northeast Ohio continues.” It says the project will allow the company to establish an operations base to service Utica shale wells.

The incentive is a refundable tax credit against a company’s corporate, franchise or income tax based on the state income tax withheld from new, full-time employees.

The tax credit is believed to be the first incentive toward helping the company build on a 108-acre site in the Northeast Ohio Commerce Park on Millennium Boulevard in Massillon. The company is projecting an investment of \$564 million in the state. Talks with state, county and local leaders continue, however, and a deal has not yet been finalized.

An Ohio Department of Development letter dated Feb. 8 shows that Baker Hughes plans to build a \$40 million facility with \$14.5 million worth of machinery. The letter to the city of Massillon also says that another \$9.5 million will be invested in land development. Another \$500 million of other investments are expected to be made in the state.

Initial projections showed that 900 jobs would be created within three years, with an average hourly wage of \$31.25.

The credit authority approved 18 statewide projects that will create more than 1,600 jobs. Baker Hughes’ project will by far create the most jobs out of those approved Monday.

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<http://www.cantonrep.com/news/x1771584805/Baker-Hughes-step-closer-to-city-with-approval-of-tax-incentives>

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100-plus local jobs part of tax deal

Several Butler County area companies receive state tax credits.

By Tom Gnau and Chelsey Levingston

State tax credits approved on Monday will help pave the way for several Butler County area companies to create more than 100 jobs in the next six to seven years.

The tax credits will help move projects along for Metal-Matic to open in Middletown, Production Devices' new armored vehicle plant in Fairfield and LEM Products of Harrison to consider an expansion in a location yet to be announced.

If the tax credits help seal the deal for these projects, they could bring new jobs and investment, according to Ohio Department of Development.

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority approved tax incentives for 18 companies statewide expected to collectively invest \$440 million and create a projected 1,609 jobs across the state, according to the state development department.

"In nearly every case Ohio faced stiff competition from other states also vying for these projects, making the state's growing jobs-friendly climate and responsiveness of officials in the JobsOhio Network key factors in the companies' decisions," said a statement in the state release.

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<http://www.middletownjournal.com/news/middletown-news/100-plus-local-jobs-part-of-tax-deal--1335209.html>



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Exterran gets state tax credit for Youngstown plant

By Marc Kovac

COLUMBUS

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority has approved a seven-year, 55 percent tax credit for Exterran Energy Solutions' 65,000-square-foot building in Youngstown.

The building, at the Salt Springs Road industrial park, will help service the area's burgeoning oil-and-gas industry and will create more than 100 jobs.

The refundable tax credits will count against what Exterran will pay in corporate activity or income taxes, based on the state income taxes withheld on new, full-time employees.

Plans for the Houston-based company's new \$13.2 million facility in Youngstown surfaced in December.

The company plans to spend \$9.3 million on building construction and \$3.9 million on machinery and equipment and hopes to be open for business by the end of the year.

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor will help announce the project officially today during a press conference in Youngstown.

City officials are calling the investment the second-largest economic-development project Youngstown has landed related to Marcellus and Utica shale formations. V&M Star, at \$650 million, is the largest.

"It is enormous for our community," said Sarah Boyarko, manager of business development at the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber, which was first contacted by the company about the potential

expansion seven months ago. "It's a great opportunity — new employment opportunity. They're an impressive company."

Exterran provides equipment and services for companies involved in oil and gas production.

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<http://www.vindy.com/news/2012/feb/28/exterran-gets-state-tax-credit-for-young/?print>



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Exterran Energy Breaks Ground In Youngstown

VIDEO: <http://www.wytv.com/content/news/local/story/Exterran-Energy-Breaks-Ground-In-Youngstown/ikFpmbDKM0CfOaur9E7Nlw.csp>

As development of the Marcellus and Utica shale continues in this part of the country, experts believe the oil and gas drilling industry will rely on a crucial supply chain.

Local community leaders said Exterran Energy's development project fell into place perfectly: A company looking to be close to its customers finding a piece of land and an able workforce ready to go.

Officials, including Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, broke ground Tuesday afternoon for a new \$13 million facility for Exterran in Youngstown's Salt Springs Road Industrial Park on the West Side. Executives said they had been looking for a site in this part of the country for some time, ultimately choosing Youngstown over other sites in Ohio, as well as neighboring Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Besides obtaining a 10-year property tax abatement from the city, state officials offered incentives to the Texas-based company to help with infrastructure improvements on the site.

"We competed against West Virginia and Pennsylvania and they chose Ohio, so I think that announcement, in and of itself, demonstrates the opportunities that we all have here in Ohio," Taylor said.

"And our products that are going to be produced up in this area, on this site, will be used to produce and treat and process and condition oil and gas after it's come out of the ground. And we are extremely happy that we can be close to our customers and be responsive as quickly as we can be," said Exterran Senior Vice President Daniel Schlanger.

Executives expect to have their new plant, which will resemble one now in operation in Columbus, Texas, up and running by the end of this year, creating just over 100 jobs to start. But officials said if oil and gas exploration continues to grow in the region as it's been projected, Exterran could see its own presence in the Valley expand as well.

"To give you a frame of reference, we have a very similar facility that serves the south Texas market in a suburb of Houston, and three years ago there were 75 people working there and now we have in excess of 300. And we hope that something like that can happen here too," Schlanger said.

Officials with the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber and other agencies said developments like this give them confidence the region will see even more growth in the months to come as other companies locate in the Valley to be close to their oil and gas industry customers.

But experts also believe Exterran's decision sends a strong message to other companies in the drilling industry supply chain.

"Saying if they're making a commitment here, it's a sign that this is the right place and it's also a sign that this Utica play is serious," said Tom Waltermire of Team NEO.



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Tax credits could bring area 200 jobs

State approves breaks in central Ohio for machine shop, auto glassmaker, among others

By Mark Williams

Central Ohio could gain up to 200 jobs — and the state as many as 1,600 — as a result of tax credits approved yesterday.

About half the job gains in the central Ohio area will be in Bellefontaine if AGC Flat Glass North America proceeds with a \$28 million expansion plan there that the auto glassmaker is studying. The tax credit is worth \$819,484.

The plant has 500 full-time workers and 140 temporary workers now. Corporate officials told the Ohio Tax Credit Authority that the plant is in competition with one of its plants in Kentucky for the work.

"Ohio, to me, looks like a good place to be," Tom Farris, the company's tax manager, told the authority, citing the state's corporate-tax structure. "Kentucky is not as competitive," he said.

The company expects to decide in the next 30 days which plant will get the work.

The authority approved projects for 18 companies yesterday that could create as many 1,609 jobs in Ohio with an additional payroll of \$80 million a year. The companies propose to make investments totaling \$440 million.

The largest single project involved Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations, which is looking to capitalize on the expected drilling boom for oil and natural gas in eastern Ohio. It was approved for tax credits for a project that would create 700 jobs and invest \$64 million in Massillon, in northeastern Ohio. The site is expected to become the company's base to service wells in the Utica shale.

Two other central Ohio companies that won tax credits yesterday also say they are benefiting from the growth in the energy business.

Manifold & Phalor received approval for a plan to help the machine shop and fabricating company add 30 jobs with a payroll of \$1.1 million in Canal Winchester. B. Hubbard Enterprises plans to create 40 jobs in Lancaster as part of a plan to move the company from Oklahoma to Ohio.

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<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/business/2012/02/28/tax-credits-could-bring-area-200-jobs.html>

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State issues tax credit for Quaker City Castings expansion

By LARRY SHIELDS

SALEM - Quaker City Castings will receive a six-year, 36-percent credit from the Ohio Tax Credit Authority, the Ohio Department of Development said Monday.

Korff Holdings LLC, owner of QCC, expects to create 30 full-time jobs that will generate \$700,000 in addition payroll.

Its existng payroll is \$4.5 million.

The Ohio Department of Development said the credit comes as a result of the company's expansion in Salem.

Last July, Geoff Korff, vice president and general counsel for Quaker City Castings, announced the Euclid Street plant had purchased 51,000 square feet of the former Colfor facility.

QCC now occupies over three acres there and Korff said the upwards of \$1 million expansion was "definitely going to result in more employees" down the road.

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<http://www.salemnews.net/page/content.detail/id/551530/State-issues-tax-credit-for-Quaker-City-Castings-expansion.html?nav=5007>

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Up to 80 jobs coming to Twinsburg ceramics company

by Emily Canning-Dean

Twinsburg — A Pinnacle Parkway manufacturing company expects to increase its workforce by as many as 80 full-time employees over the next three years, thanks to a \$170,000 state income tax credit.

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority approved a 50 percent, six-year income tax credit to Morgan Technical Ceramics Feb. 27 for the creation of \$2.4 million in additional annual payroll, according to a press release from the Ohio Department of Development.

As part of the tax credit agreement, the company must maintain operations in Twinsburg for at least nine years. The additional \$2.4 million in payroll would mean an additional \$54,000 in income tax revenue for the city, and company officials have said the \$2.4 million in increased payroll could result in the creation of as many as 80 jobs.

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