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Shelby Township, Fori Automation reinvest in each other, add 52 new jobs

The Shelby Township Board of Trustees unanimous award of an industrial facilities tax exemption certificate to Fori Automation formalized an agreement by the community and company to reinvest in one another.

The 12-year agreement paves the way for a new 156,536 square-foot world headquarters for the international advanced manufacturing firm and roughly \$100,000 in annual township tax dollars and 52 new jobs for the community.

“We are very appreciative of the tremendous investment Fori Automation has made in our community over the years, and even more appreciative of the tax dollars they add to our bottom line,” Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. “Fori Automation epitomizes the drive and innovation that has made this country great, and it’s an honor that they call Shelby Township home.”

Fori Automation opened shop in Shelby Township in 1984 and generates approximately \$85 million in annual U.S. sales in designing and manufacturing automated systems for the aerospace, automotive and defense industries. Along with the Shelby Township base of operation, Fori has facilities in Korea, China, India, Germany, South Africa, Brazil and Mexico.

Largely because of the company’s growth in the aerospace industry it needs to move from its current 57,953-square-foot facility at 50955 Wing Drive to a new location at 13231 23 Mile Road.

“Fori is renovating a 23-year-old facility with a proposed real property investment of \$3.6 million,” Township Assessor Matt Schmidt said. “The project includes renovating all of the facility’s office space and two major sections of high bay manufacturing areas.”

The projected salary for each of the new 52 positions created by the expansion is roughly \$80,000 a year. Fori’s total investment in the community is approximately \$12 million through land and building acquisition as well as new equipment and renovation for and to the facility.

In its application to the Board of Trustees, Fori cited a desire to stay in metro Detroit because more than 70 percent of its purchases are from Michigan-based suppliers, and that the company’s team of 189 current employees, “have been dedicated to the growth of the company.”

Following the award by the Board, Camille Silda from the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Department said Fori’s commitment to the community goes beyond jobs and its bottom line.

“Once a year for the last three years, Macomb County has played host to National Manufacturing Day, and Fori has been involved since the beginning,” Silda said of Fori’s annual hosting of high school student to learn more about the advanced manufacturing field.

“They get rave reviews from the school district and (Macomb County Executive Mark) Hackel visited their facility this year, and he gave rave reviews. They are truly a fantastic asset to Shelby Township.”

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