

Lenawee Stamping Invests \$9M, Creates 300+ Jobs, *Credits Location in Tecumseh as Asset to Growth*

Lenawee Stamping is a leader in the automotive stamping and assembly industry. This Tier 1 automotive stamping and welding company is well known for its state of the art processes and its commitment to quality. Lenawee Stamping works with global automotive manufacturers, including Chrysler, General Motors, Ford Motor Company, Navistar, and Toyota.

For Lenawee Stamping, its location in Tecumseh has been a huge asset to the company's growth. "Our location here is a business attraction tool," said Roy Strom, Lenawee Stamping's controller. "Being centrally located has helped Lenawee Stamping win business from customers in Fort Wayne, Lansing, Toledo, and Detroit. Lenawee Stamping can offer uncomplicated logistics and freight savings compared to our competitors, because we're located in Tecumseh."

"Our business has grown thanks to contracts we've won from competitors in Toronto, central Ohio, even Grand Rapids," Strom added. "In a down economy, Lenawee Stamping is bucking the market trend and expanding."

Tecumseh Economic Development Supports Expansion Through Incentives

Over the past two years, Lenawee Stamping expanded both its facility and its employee base. The company invested over \$9 million to add equipment and expand its current facility. It's also grown from 124 to more than 500 skilled and semi-skilled workers.

"The city's economic development organization makes it easy to grow in Tecumseh," said Strom. "Not only did Tecumseh grant tax abatements on our capital investments, it helped us make important connections at the state level to receive further funding support."

Since 2009, Lenawee Stamping has received two Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax abatements from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Talented Workers Fuel Lenawee Stamping Expansion, Future Growth

Tecumseh also worked closely with Lenawee Stamping to attract and train skilled workers. South Central MichiganWorks and the Lenawee Intermediate School District (LISD) both partnered with Lenawee Stamping on worker placement and training programs.

"Expansion is dependent on having a talented workforce," Strom added. "It takes highly trained, skilled workers to deliver the quality products that our customers expect from Lenawee Stamping."

In a unique program, vocational training programs through the LISD are being run through Lenawee Stamping. "Supporting the training of those individuals who are helping young people make a career in a skilled trade is an investment in the future of our business, and in the region's economy," Strom explained.