

THE JACKSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



“To develop and maintain an economic climate, which creates and retains jobs and enhances the quality of life for all citizens of Jackson/Madison County and West Tennessee.”

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Toyota adds jobs, investment to Bodine Aluminum plant in Jackson

Jackson, TN — Toyota recently announced that its new investment of \$2.1 million to Bodine Aluminum – Tennessee, Inc. will create approximately 10 new jobs at the Jackson facility.

“This is a great announcement for Toyota,” said Bodine Aluminum Administration Manager Jason Bates. “As a company, Toyota is committed to producing its vehicles where they are sold, and this investment in new transmissions built at Toyota Motors West Virginia is a strong statement of that commitment.”

The role of Bodine Aluminum in Jackson and its sister facility in Troy, Mo. is to provide transmission case and housing for its West Virginia facility.

“This \$2 million investment at our plant and the \$6 million investment at Bodine in Troy allows full utilization of our transmission die cast machines and helps ensure that we provide employment security to our team members,” he said.

Madison County Mayor Jimmy Harris said this is exciting news for the community.

“Toyota’s substantial investment to the Bodine Aluminum plant in Jackson speaks highly of the company’s dedication to Madison County and our strong workforce,” Harris said. “We are fortunate to have a company of its caliber continue to support and help strengthen the business climate in West Tennessee.”

City of Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist said, “We appreciate the confidence that Bodine Aluminum has placed in our community by making such a tremendous investment here. Our business community and our citizens look forward to continuing a positive relationship with this progressive company.”

Bates said Toyota is fully committed to the City of Jackson and Madison County. The Jackson facility has been a member of the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce for more than seven years.

“Jackson and Madison County is a great place to do business,” Bates said. “Our team members are committed to performing their work safely and to the highest quality standards and are a great reflection of the citizens of West Tennessee. “

Not only is Bodine Aluminum invested financially in Jackson and Madison County, but its team members also have a community service impact on the area as well. Many volunteer with the Jackson chapter of American Red Cross, The Jackson Symphony, Regional Inter-Faith Association and the Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

As a plant, Bates said his organization has identified four key areas to impact philanthropically. These areas are the arts, education, human services and the environment.

“We feel it is vital for industry to be involved in the community,” Bates said. “It is the community that provides the structure, resources and team member pool for Toyota’s local success. Giving back to the community is a small way to say thank you for all of the support that we have received since we started producing in Jackson.”

About Toyota:

Toyota (NYSE:TM) established operations in North America in 1957 and currently operates 14 manufacturing plants, including one under construction. There are more than 1,800 Toyota, Lexus and Scion dealerships in North America which sold more than 2 million vehicles in 2010. Toyota directly employs more than 35,000 in North America and its investment here is currently valued at more than \$23 billion, including sales and manufacturing operations, research and development, financial services and design. Toyota's annual purchasing of parts, materials, goods and services from North American suppliers totals nearly \$25 billion. Toyota currently produces 12 vehicles in North America, including the Avalon, Camry, Corolla, Highlander, Matrix, RAV4, Sienna, Sequoia, Tacoma, Tundra, Venza and the Lexus RX 350. For more information about Toyota, visit www.toyota.com or www.toyotaneewsroom.com.

About Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce:

The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1905 – seven years prior to the United States Chamber of Commerce. The chamber consists of a diverse and talented staff, an executive committee, dedicated volunteers, and more than 1,200 business members – all committed to growing the economy and quality of life for everyone in Madison County and the region. Governed by a board of directors, the chamber is a nonprofit that concentrates its efforts on economic development, which consists of workforce development, job creation, marketing the area to potential employers, developing and enhancing minority and new business partnerships, and the overall promotion of Jackson-Madison County as a great place to work, live, play and do business.

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