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Lawrenceville Brick Expanding in James City County

Lawrenceville Brick, the James City County Board of Supervisors, and its Economic Development Authority are pleased to announce the expansion of Lawrenceville Brick and Masonry Supply. The company plans to invest \$1.5 million in acquiring and building, and up fitting a 26,000 square foot showroom and warehouse in James River Commerce Center in the Roberts District of the County. The acquisition will ultimately add 15 new jobs to James City. Lawrenceville Brick hopes to begin operations in its new facility in the summer of 2007.

Lawrenceville Brick, incorporated in Brunswick County, Virginia in 1946, provides the construction marketplace with a continuing supply of the face brick and paving brick to twenty-eight states in the United States and Canada. The Company's total annual production capacity is over eighty-five million bricks, accounting for approximately one-percent of annual brick shipments in the United States. The James City County warehouse will distribute bricks manufactured in its Lawrenceville based Plant #4, widely known as the most modern, state-of-the-art brick manufacturing facility in the United States.

Kevin Blackwell, President of the company, is excited about the remaining in James City County, Lawrenceville Brick currently operates a warehouse in Toano. The expansion will allow the company to serve its customers. "The new warehouse and showroom will enhance our opportunities to better meet and serve the demands of our clients. Our past experiences in James City County validate our decision to stay and expand in the County, helping, along with our Chesapeake warehouse, to serve the increasing brick and masonry market. We are pleased about how this expansion will benefit our employees and our community."

Bruce Goodson, Roberts District Supervisor, remarked that he was delighted to see a well-established local company expanding. "Lawrenceville Brick is another example of our strong business climate meets the needs of a growing company in its pursuit of higher productivity, and profitability."

Ginny Hartmann, Chairman of the Economic Development Authority, also conveyed the "open-for-business" attitude in James City County, "Expansions for small businesses are once-in-a-lifetime experience for them. Lawrenceville Brick felt comfortable at their current James City County facility and recognized that those experiences would be difficult to duplicate in another community. It is always a pleasure to see them expand, but even more so it is evidence that our business climate is pro-active."

Sandy Wanner, County Administrator, added his congratulations. "James River Commerce Park was developed to improve businesses competitive edge. The advantages afforded to Lawrenceville Brick at their new location will assist them in growing their business within the marketplace. I am pleased for them."

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