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## **TECT UTICA CORPORATION TO UPGRADE ITS ONEIDA COUNTY OPERATIONS**

*Project will result in the retention of 160 high-paying manufacturing jobs*

Empire State Development (ESD) and TECT Utica Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of titanium fan blades for commercial aircraft engines, today announced the company will upgrade manufacturing capabilities at its Whitesboro, Oneida County, facility in response to evolving customer demands. The \$9.75 million project, which includes the installation of new machinery and equipment, will allow for the retention of 160 high-paying, skilled manufacturing jobs in the Mohawk Valley. ESD is providing a \$750,000 grant to assist with the project.

"Under Governor Cuomo's new approach to economic development, we are supporting the growth and retention of businesses by providing the tools they need to keep New York jobs where they belong – in the hands of New Yorkers," said Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Kenneth Adams. "The company's decision to stay right here in Oneida County is a testament to the region's many assets – from its strategic location to its skilled workforce."

TECT Utica Corporation, a part of the TECT Power business unit, manufactures critical rotating components of turbine engines for aviation and industrial applications, as well as components for other industries with similar engineering and quality requirements. Its customers include all major aircraft engine manufacturers, including General Electric, Rolls-Royce, Pratt & Whitney and CFM International. Newer customers include IHI in Japan and NPO-Saturn in Russia.

TECT will install new machinery and equipment to help it meet the growing demand for lighter, composite turbine fan blades with metal leading edges. The project includes the purchase and installation of 12 large five-axis horizontal machining centers for metal leading edge production and the purchase of six new robotic polishing units. TECT Power group has four other out-of-state facilities that have similar production capabilities, but with ESD's assistance, the company chose to reinvest in New York State.

“We are delighted with the interest, assistance and the grant offering to retain jobs in New York State,” said TECT Utica Corporation General Manager Jack Rockstad. “Retaining and preserving jobs is our primary interest and Empire State Development, along with Governor Cuomo’s new approach, has helped to preserve that.”

“TECT Utica is an outstanding local employer and I am pleased to see this investment in the region because it affirms the company’s future in Oneida County and is a reflection of the outstanding skills of our local workforce,” said Senator Joseph Griffo (R-47<sup>th</sup>). “Our major goal in Albany this past year has been – and continues to be – to attract more private sector investment to spur the economy. TECT Utica’s actions show that we are making progress, and I thank them for taking a leadership role in investing in Oneida County.”

“This announcement is excellent news, because it will help ensure that TECT remains one of the largest manufacturers here in the Mohawk Valley,” said Assemblyman Anthony J. Brindisi (D-116th.) “This project will also ensure that the company can purchase the equipment it needs to become more efficient and remain a leader in the aviation industry.”

“Advanced Manufacturing is a key industry cluster for Oneida County,” said Steve DiMeo, President, Mohawk Valley EDGE. “I applaud Empire State Development’s commitment to TECT Utica. For over a century they have called the Mohawk Valley home, and EDGE stands ready to support and assist them as they complete this significant project.”

“ESD is proud to support the retention of this manufacturer in the Mohawk Valley,” said Empire State Development Mohawk Valley Regional Director Kenneth Tompkins. “TECT Utica Corporation serves a worldwide customer base. The company’s plans to upgrade operations will enable it to meet growing customer demands and more effectively compete on the global playing field.”

TECT Utica’s roots date to 1895 with the forming of the Utica Drop Forge Co., a maker of specialty tools at a site along the Erie Canal. By the 1950’s, the company had grown to two new divisions, the Turbine Parts Division and the Metals Division. The company changed hands several times, ultimately consolidating operations at the Halsey Road facility in Whitesboro.

In August 2001, Turbine Engine Components Technologies Corporation (TECT) was formed by UCA Holdings Inc., the parent company of Utica Corp. Today, TECT’s two divisions—TECT Aerospace and TECT Power—also operate facilities in California, Connecticut, Georgia, Kansas, Ohio and Washington. With their fully integrated supply chain, these business units bring unprecedented speed to the manufacturing process as one-stop shops for components and assemblies. TECT has more than \$450 million in revenues annually, 2,000 employees and 2.4 million square feet of manufacturing space spread throughout its U.S. manufacturing facilities.

Empire State Development is New York’s chief economic development agency and administrator of the statewide business resource portal Business First ([www.NYfirst.NY.gov](http://www.NYfirst.NY.gov)). The mission of Empire State Development is to promote business investment and growth that

leads to job creation and prosperous communities across New York State. ESD also oversees the marketing of “I LOVE NY,” the State’s iconic tourism brand. For more information on Empire State Development, visit [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov).

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