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1,160 New Jobs for Michigan!

12,000 MEGA Jobs are Helping Michigan Drive America's Renaissance

Governor John Engler today announced that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) Board has approved proposals from three companies that will result in 1,160 new, high-quality jobs for Michigan. (Direct and indirect jobs from the projects will total 2,890 jobs.) 17 projects have been approved by the MEGA Board since the authority was created nearly a year ago. These projects will create more than 12,000 direct and spin-off jobs.

"The nearly direct 1,200 jobs that will be created by these companies equals those created by one new auto plant. These new jobs are further proof that Michigan is driving America's renaissance," said Governor Engler. "MEGA is an effective tool for building the new Michigan economy -- an economy built on jobs with a future -- so that our next generation can put down deep roots in the Great Lakes State."

The MEGA Board approved:

- A credit worth an estimated \$769,000 for Case System, Inc., a manufacturer of institutional furniture for schools, laboratories and medical offices, to build a new \$2.1 million facility in Midland that will create 110 new jobs in the next three years. MEGA helped keep the expansion from going to North Carolina.
- A credit worth an estimated \$3.4 million to National TechTeam, Inc. One of Michigan's Top 10 performing companies, National TechTeam, a computer services company, will use the credit to support a \$6 million expansion of its call-center service operations that will create 650 new jobs over a three year period. Without MEGA the expansion would have gone to Dallas, Texas.
- A credit worth an estimated \$11.4 million to Shape Corporation, a custom roll-form manufacturer of products for the automotive and furniture industries, for a facility in Grand Haven. The project is expected to generate 400 direct jobs and more than 1,300 spin-off jobs. Because the only supply of