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## **Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Industry Expands in Salem** *Companies Recognize Advantage to Locating in Salem*

**Salem, Ore.** – The Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Industry plays a critical role in the Mid-Willamette Valley economy, with more than 13 percent of all private-sector jobs in this key industry. Many companies continue to invest in Salem due to the low real estate and development costs, reliable and affordable utilities, low cost/high quality labor, no sales tax, and no local business license fees.

“As markets and technologies have evolved, a highly competitive manufacturing industry has continued to expand in Salem. Many of our innovative firms compete globally, and our manufacturing sector has an extensive supply chain that supports this robust and growing industry,” said Kristin Retherford, Director of Salem’s Urban Development Department.

There are more than 1 million workers within 45 miles of Salem, including 33,000 employed in the high tech industry. Salem is also located within an hour of 80,000 college students. Additionally, the high quality, abundant water, availability of shovel ready land (at the Mill Creek Corporate Center), and central location, make Salem a prime location for technology and advanced manufacturing.

Local companies in these sectors include:

- **Garmin AT** *Manufacturer of automotive, sports and recreation, marine and aviation technology (SE Salem)*
- **Cabdoor** *Custom cabinet manufacturing (SE Salem)*
- **Panasonic Eco Solutions Solar America** *Subsidiary of Panasonic Corporation of North America, manufactures silicon ingots for photovoltaic solar panels (SE Salem)*
- **Rigado** *Provides low power wireless solutions and experienced engineering services for devices such as GoPro products, fitness tracking equipment, concrete curing monitors, and smart wireless kitchen appliances, among many others (SE Salem)*
- **Performance Health Technology** *Provides health care organizations with web-based care and claims management technology and software products (SE Salem)*

- **Open Dental Software** *Provides dental software for appointment scheduling, imaging, and 3D dental charting (SE Salem)*
- **HIT** *Provides public safety equipment and critical infrastructure protection systems (NE Salem)*
- **West Salem Machinery** *Provides machines and systems engineered to meet any challenge (W Salem)*
- **Layton Systems** *Provides food handling and processing solutions worldwide (W Salem)*
- **Bookbyte** *One of the largest used textbook retailers on the west coast (SE Salem)*

“A combination of talented and committed employees, as well as a supportive local economic environment, have allowed us to design, manufacture, and sell products all over the U.S. and world since 1960,” said John Layton, Former President of Layton Systems, headquartered in West Salem.

The City works with SEDCOR, Business Oregon, Oregon Manufacturers Extension Partnership, and other partners to identify funding and other resources to support business location and expansion. Funding may be available through the City’s urban renewal area grant and loan programs as well as through State grant and loan programs.

For more information, about growing or expanding in Salem, go to <http://www.cityofsalem.net/economicdevelopment> or contact Annie Gorski, Economic Development Manager, at [503-540-2480](tel:503-540-2480) or [agorski@cityofsalem.net](mailto:agorski@cityofsalem.net). Si necesita ayuda para comprender esta información, por favor llame [503-588-6178](tel:503-588-6178).

*The City of Salem’s Urban Development Department is committed to enhancing community prosperity through an array of programs in its four major service areas: Real Property Services, Housing and Social Services, Economic Development and Downtown Revitalization. The Urban Development Department: manages the City’s urban renewal areas (URA) and redevelopment projects within the URAs; administers federally funded block grant and housing programs; provides loans and grants to eligible businesses, homeowners, and renters; and manages leases, acquires, and sells properties for the City.*

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