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Governor Corbett Announces JGM Welding & Fabricating to Expand Operations in Chester County; 44 New Jobs

Harrisburg—Governor Tom Corbett announced today that the steel manufacturer JGM Welding & Fabricating Services, Inc. is expanding operations in Chester County, creating at least 44 new, high-paying jobs.

“Supporting the growth of businesses like JGM is bringing the Pennsylvania economy back and creating new job opportunities for our workforce,” Corbett said. “JGM’s addition of 44 new jobs is the second jobs announcement in Chester County this year with the resulting total job creation projected to be more than 130 for the county.”

JGM Welding & Fabricating Services (JGM), a structural steel fabricator, will expand operations and lease a 75,000-square-foot facility located in Valley Township, Chester County. The project is expected to generate a capital investment in excess of \$2.5 million in infrastructure improvement, equipment and employee training costs. The expansion is expected to create 44 new jobs and retain 53 existing positions in Chester County.

“JGM applauds the state’s continued support of manufacturing businesses in Pennsylvania,” said Joe Messner, president and CEO of JGM. “With the support from the state at our new Coatesville facility, JGM will increase jobs for skilled workers and positively impact our customers, suppliers and the communities we serve.”

The company received a funding offer from the Department of Community and Economic Development, including a \$125,000 Pennsylvania First Program grant, \$44,000 in Job Creation Tax Credits and a \$19,800 Guaranteed Free Training grant, to be used for training its new workforce at the project site. The company will also be eligible to apply for a \$1.1 million loan from the Machine and Equipment Loan Fund to be repaid within 10 years.

The project was coordinated by the Governor’s Action Team, a group of economic development professionals who work directly with businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Pennsylvania, in collaboration with the Chester County Economic Development Council and the Chester County Board of Commissioners.

“Governor Corbett’s commitment to creating jobs and Joe Messner’s entrepreneurial leadership are combining to boost business development in western Chester

County,” said Ryan Costello, chairman of the Chester County Board of Commissioners. “This is a great accomplishment for Joe and his team, and welcome news of additional manufacturing jobs in the region.”

“We are thrilled to have JGM, Inc., an innovative steel manufacturing company, growing their business within the Coatesville market and reinvigorating the heritage steel industry in Valley Township,” said Gary Smith, president and CEO of Chester County Economic Development Council.

JGM Welding & Fabrication Service, Inc. is a privately-owned structural steel manufacturing operation with two Chester County locations. JGM performs structural steel fabrication, erection, specialized rigging and transportation and industrial EPC services to both the commercial building and industrial construction markets. The company has achieved success in the specialty market of quick turnaround, design-build fabrication of complex steel structures.

For more information, visit JGM Welding & Fabricating Services, Inc. at www.jgminc.us.

For more information about Governor Corbett’s commitment to job creation, visit www.pa.gov.

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