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Findlay Ranked Top Micropolitan Community in the U.S. Ninth Year in a Row

(FINDLAY, OH, March 1, 2023)— Over the past nine years, Findlay’s industrial sector has expanded significantly, contributing to nine consecutive Top Micropolitan wins as measured by *Site Selection Magazine*. The Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development office’s commitment to the stakeholder engagement process, or the Findlay Formula, facilitates a development process not experienced elsewhere.

“Being recognized nine years in a row validates our approach to business retention and expansion, specifically in the manufacturing and logistics space,” said Dan Sheaffer, Director-Economic Development. “Each year our number one objective is to support local companies as they grow. Most projects come from legacy companies continuing to invest and hire new employees.”

Site Selection Magazine is the official publication of the Global FDI Association and the Industrial Asset Management Council. In 2022, *Site Selection* ranked 543 micropolitan statistical areas with a population of 10,000 to 50,000. Rankings are measured on qualified projects meeting one or more of three criteria: 1) \$1 MM+ invested, 2) 20+ jobs created or 3) 20,000+ square feet constructed. Last year Findlay industry invested \$300 MM in expansion projects resulting in 1,100 new employees hired.

“The City of Findlay understands that building the community we want takes coordination, collaboration, and a strong foundation. I am proud to see our hard work continue to be recognized through growth of our existing businesses and attraction of new development.” said Christina Muryn, Mayor-City of Findlay.

In addition to constructing Findlay’s Amazon site, Robinson Investments continues to invest in the Findlay market. The firm has already announced additional advanced manufacturing-ready projects for 2023 and 2024. “The economic development team has been with us every step of the way from site selection to site development,” stated Jason Black, Business Development Manager for Robinson Investments, Ltd.

“Our office will continue to leverage the synergies between our public, private, and nonprofit partners in order to enhance the success of Findlay-Hancock County,” said Sarah Perrigo, Project Coordinator-Economic Development. “These relationships are fundamental in orchestrating the community’s ongoing progress and designation as a Top Micropolitan.”

Total capital investment since 2014 stands at \$1,945,235,695.

About Findlay Hancock County Economic Development

Mission: Driving Growth and Prosperity in the Findlay Hancock County Region

Strategic Focus: Retention/Expansion, Attraction, Workforce, Community, Downtown, Small Business

Annual Theme: Project Management

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