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St. Clair County welcomes HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc. to Port Huron Industrial Park

St. Clair County, Michigan -

**The Economic Development Alliance (EDA) of St. Clair County is pleased to announce a new automotive supply company will soon be opening in St. Clair County, MI., and projects to provide 90-120 new jobs.** HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc. is an automotive supplier, specializing in closure bodyshop assembly tooling and hemming systems. Earlier this month, it was announced that HIROTEC AMERICA will be opening a new facility in both Chesterfield and Port Huron, Michigan.

“HIROTEC AMERICA has grown exponentially in the last few years and expanding our local manufacturing capacity is the next chapter in our story,” said Katsu Uno, HIROTEC AMERICA’S Chairman and CEO. As we continue to grow and expand our local footprint, we continue our commitment to maintain a think-as-the-user approach and provide exemplary customer service.”

HIROTEC AMERICA is expected to take occupancy of its new Port Huron Industrial Park facility at 2100 Dove (formerly home to Collins & Aikman) this March. A May or June opening is anticipated with hiring to begin by this spring or sooner. HIROTEC AMERICA provides manufacturing solutions to many well-known clients such as GM, Chrysler, Ford, Honda, Mazda, Nissan, Toyota, and The Fiat Group.

*“We are extremely proud to have this revolutionary manufacturer, who has received worldwide recognition for highest quality closure panels in the automotive industry, join other successful automotive suppliers in the Port Huron Industrial Park,”* said Port Huron’s Mayor, Pauline Repp. *“We are hopeful this will be the beginning of a strong business relationship with future growth potential.”*

HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc. will become one of the first projects to locate in the newly formed I-69 International Trade Corridor. As our region works to become the origination point for global bound products, this is a great beginning to compliment the areas pending Next Michigan Development Corporation.

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“HIROTEC AMERICA is looking forward to the opportunity to further contribute to the health and prosperity of Michigan’s local economy,” said Brian McGinnity, HIROTEC AMERICA’S CFO. It’s a privilege to work with both Macomb and St. Clair counties, while we continue to provide world-class quality products to our customers.”

The Economic Development Alliance served as a liaison between HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc., and the broker to help promote and solidify the availability and amenities of 2100 Dove as a perfect match for this client. Dan Casey, CEO of the EDA, said, “*We are fortunate and excited to have these innovative, worldwide automotive leaders join our business community. HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc. utilizes the latest machining capabilities to provide components and manufacturing solutions all over the world. St. Clair County, Michigan, now becomes an origination point for HIROTEC AMERICA’s processes, parts, and solutions, which strengthens our region’s global presence.*”

Hiring methods and procedures are under consideration at this time by the company, however, EDA recommends that job seekers visit the EDA website often for updates ([www.edascc.com](http://www.edascc.com)), Facebook ([www.facebook.com/edascc](http://www.facebook.com/edascc)) and most importantly upload a resume on [www.stclairjobspot.com](http://www.stclairjobspot.com). Should the company determine a job fair is needed, news of this, as well as available job openings will be shared on the websites listed above.

### **About EDA:**

The Economic Development Alliance (EDA) of St. Clair County is a private non-profit organization that provides general purpose economic development services throughout St. Clair County and works to foster a strong business climate. EDA offers a wide variety of services involving business attraction, business retention, and economic gardening with an overall goal of enhancing the quality of life for residents in St. Clair County. EDA services and initiatives are made possible by support from a membership of over 100 businesses from the private & public sector. [www.edascc.com](http://www.edascc.com).

### **About HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc.**

HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc. is a part of the HIROTEC Group Companies that has worldwide sales in excess of 1.3 billion dollars and 25 locations worldwide. For over 20 years, HIROTEC AMERICA has been providing innovative and highly flexible closure manufacturing solutions to automotive customers around the world. For more information, please visit [www.hirotecamerica.com](http://www.hirotecamerica.com).