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## Pyrotek Brings Manufacturing Jobs Home

### *Project to relocate Mexican manufacturing line will create jobs and investments*

#### *In City of Spokane Valley*

(SPOKANE, Wash.) - Pyrotek, Inc., a global leader in the development, manufacture, and sale of high-temperature materials for industrial applications, has announced their decision to relocate a manufacturing line from a plant in Mexico to Spokane Valley, Washington. The company considered proposals from several U.S. locations, including Idaho, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

Greater Spokane Incorporated assisted Pyrotek in obtaining \$150,000 in assistance funds from Governor Gregoire's Strategic Reserve Fund, which included \$75,000 in relocation assistance and \$75,000 in employee training assistance for the project.

"Pyrotek's decision to open a new manufacturing line bringing 20 new family-wage jobs is a great win for Spokane Valley," said Gov. Chris Gregoire. "Working together at the state and local level in partnership with our business community, we are making sure that Washington has the competitive advantages growing companies need to succeed in a global marketplace."

"Pyrotek evaluated several sites in the U.S. for this project. Considerations included building costs, existing operations, workforce availability and tax implications," said Michael Sekedat, Finance Manager, Pyrotek. "Greater Spokane Incorporated was able to present us with a strong package for relocation assistance that helped us make the decision to bring the equipment and manufacturing to Spokane Valley."

Production start-up is planned for August 2011. The company is expected to hire 20 new employees, at family wages plus benefits to run the new facility. The total capital investment by the company is estimated to be over \$1,000,000 in equipment and renovations, plus ongoing lease and utility costs. Annual tax revenue to the state of Washington for this new project will be over \$450,000.

Stan Key, Manufacturing Industry Manager for Greater Spokane Incorporated said, "Pyrotek's confidence in the Spokane region for this project is a strong message that our community is a great place for manufacturers."

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**About Greater Spokane Incorporated**

Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI) is committed to growing jobs and business investment throughout the Spokane region – an area that serves as the business and cultural hub of the Inland Northwest and supports a population of 1.4 million. GSI is the area's only Regional Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council, providing leadership to build a stronger economy since 1881. GSI is funded by more than 1,400 private-sector member investors; Washington State; Spokane County; and the cities of Spokane; Spokane Valley; Liberty Lake; Cheney; Airway Heights; Medical Lake; Newport and Millwood. For more information, visit [www.greaterspokane.org](http://www.greaterspokane.org) or contact us at 509-624-1393 or 1-800-SPOKANE.

**About Pyrotek**

With 66 locations in 31 countries, the company works to provide innovative solutions for customer needs utilizing, global resources. Pyrotek' headquarters are located at 9503 E. Montgomery Ave. in the Spokane Valley. <http://www.pyrotek.info>

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