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WL PLASTICS BREAKS GROUND— WL Plastics Corporation, a manufacturer and marketer of smooth-wall polyethylene pressure pipe, broke ground on January 13th for their new facility to be located in the Hughes Industrial Park. With this new facility, WL will operate five manufacturing plants in North America, including operations in Wyoming, Utah, Texas and Alberta, Canada. Upon completion of the rail-served, facility, WL will employ approximately 40 people in management and production jobs.

"We are excited about our new operation in Elizabethtown for a number of reasons", said Mike Dahl, Director of WL Plastics. "The can-do attitude of the local community is a great fit for our company culture, and the location is excellent for servicing our customers and markets. This should be a great plant for WL and E'town."



Pictured are Greg Jenkins, Chairman, Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation; Bob Kaminski, Chairman, WL Plastics; Mike Dahl, Director, WL Plastics; David Willmoth, Mayor City of Elizabethtown; Erik Dunnigan, Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development; and Rick Games, President Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation

Akebono Announces Expansion—Gov. Steve Beshear announced January 11, 2010, that new, professional jobs are coming to Elizabethtown with the expansion of Akebono Brake Corporation's headquarters. Akebono Corporation said it would add 70 new jobs to its administrative offices.

The world's leading manufacturer of automotive brakes and brake components, Akebono recently acquired Robert Bosch LLC's North American Foundation Brake Division. An additional 12,276 square feet of office space will be completed at its headquarters' facility, located on Ring Road, to house the new staff necessary due to doubling the size of the company.

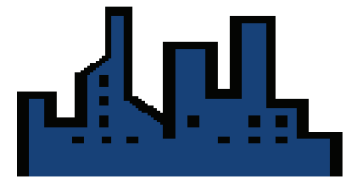


Pictured are: Larry Hayes, Secretary, Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet; Carl Lay, Vice President Administration, Akebono Brake Corporation North America; Governor Steve Beshear; Kazu Matsumoto, President & CEO, Akebono Brake Corporation North America; David Willmoth, Mayor, City of Elizabethtown and Harry Berry, Hardin County Judge Executive.

NEWSLETTER DEBUT/WEBSITE REDESIGN

The Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation has decided to produce a newsletter to spotlight news worthy items effecting our economic partners. We would like to solicit your help in submitting items that you would like to share. The newsletter will also be posted on our website enabling prospective clients an opportunity to learn more about us.

If you have information that you would like to submit for inclusion such as expansion of facilities, addition of new lines or services, employee/company awards, anniversaries, etc., we would like to include this information in upcoming editions. Please submit your news items along with any pictures you might have via email to info@eifky.org.



The EIF Website has recently undergone a makeover. The up-dated version makes it easier to access information such as property/site availability, taxes and incentive programs, data, existing industry list, demographics and even a space for video and forms. A news crawler has been added. Please check out our site and feel free to submit items that you would like to have put on the news crawler. This can be an upcoming event, announcement, new item or other appropriate information that you would like to share. Check out our website at www.eifky.org.

Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation Training Consortium Recognized for Supporting ECTC

Steve Hornback, center, EIFTC Chairman, accepts a Benefactor of the Year Award for 2009 from Elizabethtown Community and Technical College President/CEO Thelma J. White and Kentucky Community and Technical College President Michael B. McCall. The Training Consortium was honored in October at the annual KCTCS President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner in Lexington for its longstanding commitment to ECTC and for establishing a scholarship program at the college for EIFTC-member company employees.



The award citation read: For more than two decades, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and the Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation Training Consortium have partnered to meet local workforce needs, strengthen existing businesses and industries and recruit new companies to the community. ECTC and EIFTC have provided advanced skills training for thousands of business, industry and governmental workers in Elizabethtown and Hardin County. The consortium recently expanded its longstanding commitment to ECTC and the *Fulfilling the Promise Campaign* by establishing a new scholarship program that encourages full-time study at the college.

If you would like information about becoming a member of the training consortium, contact Cherri at the Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation at (270) 737-0300 or by email —cherri@eifky.org.