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# **BETA Fueling Systems, Merchant 1 Manufacturing Expand Operations**

BETA Fueling Systems, a leader in the manufacturing of refueling equipment for the aviation industry, has announced the expansion of its Reidsville plant. The company will lease an approximate 12,000-square-foot building from neighboring Merchant 1 Manufacturing.

The expansion for BETA Fueling Systems will include assembly and painting of refueling equipment primarily for the U.S. Military. Merchant 1 Manufacturing will also occupy a portion of the building to expand its spray booth operations.

BETA Fueling Systems' expansion will create approximately 8-10 new full-time jobs. The company has increased its workforce by 10% in 2016 and has also increased its capacity of temporary workers, bringing the total number of employees to approximately 100 workers in Reidsville. Merchant 1 Manufacturing moved its business from Greensboro to Reidsville in May 2016 and has already added four new employees to its original 22 workers.

"Reidsville's growth in the industrial sector remains strong in our current economy," said Mayor Jay Donecker. "This announcement is another validation that Reidsville is an excellent location for both new businesses and the expansion and retention of existing businesses. These are quality jobs that require skilled workers, and they are the types of jobs that we feel our community needs and can support long-term. We thank BETA Fueling Systems and Merchant 1 Manufacturing for their investment in Reidsville and we look forward to a long-term partnership with these important companies."

The expansion was made possible, in part, by an economic development agreement by the Reidsville City Council to fund up to \$13,000 for a new driveway to connect Beta Fueling Systems' current facility to the neighboring facility.

"We appreciate the investment the City of Reidsville has made toward this project," says BETA Fueling Systems President Jon DeLine. "Not only does this increase our current manufacturing capacity for our growing company, the ability to expand our footprint further solidifies our commitment to our location in Reidsville."

"The City of Reidsville has been a great partner throughout our relocation and expansion process," says Merchant 1 Manufacturing president C. B. Lawrence. "Our relationship with BETA Fueling Systems will continue to be a mutually-beneficial win for both companies."

For more information, contact the City of Reidsville's Economic Development Director Jeff Garstka at 336-347-2307. For more information about these companies, please visit:

[www.betafueling.com](http://www.betafueling.com) and [www.m1m-llc.com](http://www.m1m-llc.com).

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