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RGP and Local Partners Assist With Two New Projects, Bringing New Jobs and Investment to Region

TOLEDO, Ohio – The Regional Growth Partnership (RGP) business development group helped facilitate two recent projects which resulted in 55 new jobs and more than \$5 million in capital investment.

Art Iron, a structural steel fabricator, announced plans to expand the capacity and production of its Toledo operations with a \$700,000 investment by consolidating one of its Indiana facilities to the local headquarters.

“This is part of our overall growth plan that will allow us to produce more fabricated metal from this facility,” said Bob Schlatter, President and CEO, Art Iron, whose company will also be hiring five new employees. “We also found the Toledo market more advantageous in finding individuals with the skill levels we need.”

Art Iron recently celebrated 100 years of business in Toledo and now employs more than 100 people.

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Also, Pro Quo Books, an Internet book distributor, will create 50 new jobs at its Toledo location with a new 187,000 square-foot facility. The Baltimore-based company has leased and committed to purchase the building in west Toledo, and may be eligible for financing through the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.

CB Richard Ellis Reichle Klein played a major role in bringing the \$4 million project to the RGP, which collaborated with other local partners to assist the business.

“Both of these projects were made possible by the proactive efforts of our private and public sector partners, which is necessary for successful economic development,” said RGP President and CEO Steve Weathers. “In addition, our business development team acts aggressively to ensure accelerated growth and opportunities for the business and community.”

The Regional Growth Partnership is a private nonprofit development corporation dedicated to fostering local, national and international economic growth opportunities for northwest Ohio.

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