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## **Broadwind Heavy Fabrications Launches \$3 Million Project in Abilene, Texas**

*September 14, 2022, Abilene, Texas*— Broadwind Heavy Fabrications, a local manufacturer of large fabrications to the wind tower industry, will enhance their current operations in Abilene, Texas. The company's manufacturing facility is located in Abilene's premier industrial park, Five Points Business Park.

"We are proud to be a part of the Abilene community and enhance our company in Abilene, Texas," said Dan Schueller, President of Broadwind Heavy Fabrications. "This technology and capacity enhancements are critical to Broadwind Heavy Fabrications' commitment to provide quality service."

The project became official during the Development Corporation of Abilene's Board of Directors meeting in February, which approved a performance-based agreement with the company. The company's project will retain 174 employees, with expected salaries above the city's average wage.

"The project with the local manufacturer, Broadwind Heavy Fabrications, exemplifies our commitment to growth in the community," said Mayor Anthony Williams. "We cannot be prouder to continue to play a role in retaining and growing our local businesses."

Broadwind Heavy Fabrications is expected to invest \$3 million in their project to increase their productivity. Through upgrading and reconfiguring their current manufacturing facility, as well as adding a weld lab area, this project will assist in training and retaining their workforce.

"We are honored that Broadwind chose to enhance their Abilene factory," said Sam Vinson, Chair of the Development Corporation of Abilene's Board of Directors. "This investment helps expand our current industry and foster primary job growth in our community."

The company, who established their Abilene facility in 2008, supports numerous markets across the United States including defense, power generation, and renewable energy.

"The DCOA's project with Broadwind reinforces the fact that Abilene, Texas is primed for growth in the manufacturing industry," said Misty Mayo, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Development Corporation of Abilene. "Over the next 10-years, this \$3 million project is estimated to add over \$20 million in taxes for the City of Abilene, Taylor County, and Abilene Independent School District."

The facility will enhance the community's workforce, tapping into a skilled labor force in the metal fabrication industry. With four higher education institutions, a technical college, and a community college, the community boasts the necessary education to support future needs. In addition to powerful professionals, the community has robust infrastructure and a strategic location in the south-central United States that secures Abilene as the premier location for advanced manufacturing and metal fabrication.



***About Broadwind Heavy Fabrications***

Broadwind is a precision manufacturer of structures, equipment and components for clean tech and other specialized applications. With facilities throughout the U.S., Broadwind’s talented team is committed to helping customers maximize performance of their investments—quicker, easier, and smarter.

***About Abilene***

Abilene, Texas is located in Taylor County, Texas. Directly on I-20 just a two and half hours from the Dallas/Fort Worth metro, Abilene is strategically located in the south-central United States. The city has a population of 126,518 people, and has a labor shed of over 140,000.

***About the Development Corporation of Abilene (DCOA)***

The DCOA is the economic development driver of Abilene with the goal to build the future Abilene by attracting and sustaining industries that support job creation, foster strong business, and ensure a prosperous community. The DCOA is focused on the future success of the community and leverages the DevelopAbilene partnership to market Abilene as the premier location for business expansion. Learn more about the DCOA and DevelopAbilene at: [www.developabilene.com](http://www.developabilene.com).

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