

State gives Intelligrated \$24M to stay in West Chester

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WEST CHESTER TWP. — Intelligrated Systems Inc. is staying.

During an event with Gov. Ted Strickland, company officials this afternoon, Nov. 3, 2009, accepted a package from the state worth more than \$24 million to keep operations in southwest Ohio.

Strickland —along with Ohio Department of Development Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel — met with Intelligrated Systems Inc. CEO Chris Cole at Intelligrated's 10045 International Blvd. location to formalize the deal.

Cole said the company had been courted by Kentucky to close the West Chester Twp. operations and move south. Part of the reason Intelligrated decided on staying here was the flexibility the state gave the company in deciding where to locate 267 positions it plans to create within the next three years, Cole said.

"I'm very pleased to say we are here to celebrate the future of this plant," he said.

Strickland spoke highly of Intelligrated, noting that "Ohio's success is linked to the success of company's like Intelligrated."

Intelligrated was awarded a 75 percent job creation tax credit for 10 years from the state department of development to support the company's expansion into West Chester Twp., Mason and London, Ohio. The credit was valued at \$1.53 million and requires the company to maintain operations in Ohio for 13 years. The project cost is \$13.3 million and is expected to create 267 new jobs and retain 537 others.

Currently, Intelligrated has 140 production jobs and 170 office positions in West Chester and 215 executive and office positions at its Mason headquarters.

Intelligrated Inc. designs, engineers and installs aftermarket services for unit material handling systems for the logistics, retail distribution, consumer products and packaging industries.

In addition, the state also approved more than \$8 million on loans the Butler County Port Authority, including \$1.5 million for a 166 Direct Loan, a \$1.5 million for a Research and Development Investment Loan and a \$5.6 million for a loan from the Ohio Enterprise Bond Fund to acquire a 282,000 square-foot manufacturing facility to be leased to Intelligrated Systems Inc.



In photo: Chris Cole (CEO, *Intelligrated Systems*) Governor Ted Strickland, Lisa Patt-McDaniel (Director, Ohio Dept. of Economic Development), Mark Tefend (Vice President, General Counsel & Human Resources, *Intelligrated Systems*).



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