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## F & P Georgia Manufacturing, Inc. Announces Expansion

### **F** & P Georgia Manufacturing, Inc.

is transferring welding and assembly equipment from one of their Canadian sister facilities to the Rome plant. The company is expecting to invest approximately \$5.5 million for equipment and installation in the Rome, Georgia facility.

“This is another example in a continuing series of expansions of existing industries. It is a strong testimony to our community to support existing industry, which leads to more jobs for the citizens of Rome and Floyd County,” said *Floyd County Commission Chairman* Chuck Hufstetler.

In connection with this additional investment, F & P expects to hire approximately 25 new associates to operate the new equipment and to perform related tasks by year-end 2005. Hiring of these positions has already begun. F&P Georgia supplies suspension systems to auto manufacturers with a principal dealing with the Honda plants. The company has been in Rome and Floyd County since 2002. Since then, F & P has expanded three times and have grown jobs from 80 to the current plan of 350.

“F & P intended to continue to expand and they have met and exceeded local



goals which is good news for all of us,” said *Mayor* Ronnie Wallace.

In addition to the exciting news of expansions for F&P, the other exciting news is that the company boasts of using many local Chamber members in their day to day business. F&P utilizes the services of *Etowah Employment, Geo-Hydro Engineers, Eagle Industrial Contracting, Division 9 Construction, Inc., Liberty Contractors, Inc., Rome Hydro-Test, Gurley Construction, ADF Welding, Steel King Industries, Clean Air America, Riddle Office Supplies, Camp Industries, J Supply, Coosa Steel and Vast Industrial.*

“Existing industry is a major component of our area’s economy and every time an expansion occurs, small businesses benefit,” said *Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board* Steve Kemp. ■