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F&P Georgia to Expand for Fourth Time in as Many Years

For the fourth time in as many years, **F&P Georgia Manufacturing** will expand its Rome-Floyd County facility, adding approximately 20 jobs to a facility that already employs about 340. F&P Georgia representatives announced recently at a meeting of the Rome-Floyd County Development Authority.

F&P Georgia, which manufactures suspension systems and other metal parts for automakers Honda and Nissan, started production in Greater Rome in 2002 and has expanded nearly every year since. It is now the sixth largest manufacturer in Floyd County and total investments for the facility, located in the Floyd County Industrial Park, and the expansions have surpassed the \$70 million mark since locating in Rome.

"The fact that F&P has grown to be the sixth largest manufacturing employer in Floyd County in just five years is unbelievable," said **John Mayes**, former Chairman of the Floyd County Commission. "They made substantial commitments when they first came to our community, and have not only met, but exceeded all of those." F&P Georgia will invest approximately \$12.5 million on this expansion.

"F&P's growth continues to amaze all of us," said **Rome Mayor Ronnie Wallace**. "In each of the past four years, F&P has announced an expansion, which speaks volumes about the environment in Rome and Floyd County that promotes business success."

"It is important to remember that this expansion, while very exciting, overshadows a very important aspect of F&P's local impact," said **Willis Potts**, Chairman of the Rome-Floyd County Development Authority. "This company does business with over 60 small and large local entities. So, their expansion means increased business for a very large part of this community."

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Kellogg to Make \$35 Million Upgrade to Rome Facility

Kellogg Company will invest \$35 million dollars in its Rome manufacturing plant, the Rome-Floyd County Development Authority announced.

Kellogg currently employs more than 600 people in its Rome plant, which is one of the world's leading producers of Rice Krispie Treats and other snacks.

Along with the investment its facility, Kellogg Company will add to its own financial support of the community. Despite holding a Fee-in-Lieu-of-Taxes incentive, which helps offset an employer's property tax, with the *Rome-Floyd County Development Authority*, Kellogg Company will voluntarily pay taxes used for educational benefits.

Rome Mayor Ronnie Wallace was thrilled with the news.

"Kellogg obviously believes in the future of this community and chooses to contribute toward the development of its future workforce," Wallace said. "When a company makes the decision to voluntarily pay those taxes, it shows that it plans on staying here and growing its local presence."

Former Floyd County Commission Chairman **John Mayes** echoed Wallace's excitement regarding the company's, and the county's, future. "This is a wonderful announcement – yet another local company deciding not only to stay here, but also reinvesting to upgrade its facility," Mayes said. "I am excited to see what the future holds for Kellogg in Floyd County."

Along with adding to the long-term commitment of Kellogg Company to Rome and Floyd County, the investment also illustrates the industry's strength in this community.

"Agribusiness, food processing and food-related industries have long been a staple of the local economy," said **Rome-Floyd County Development Authority Chairman Willis Potts**. "Kellogg's decision for this major reinvestment reinforces the viability of that cluster in Rome and Floyd County."

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