



Rutherford County Economic Development Project Announcement

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Manroy Defense Systems to Create 53 Jobs in Spindale, NC

For Immediate Release: Rutherford County Economic Development is pleased to announce that Manroy Defense Systems will expand their current operations in Spindale, NC. The expansion will create an estimated 53 new jobs and generate additional capital investment of more than \$600,000 in facility improvements at the 159 Yelton Street facility. This facility houses the corporate office, production and distribution operations. Rutherford County has applied for a grant from the NC Rural Center to assist Manroy Defense Systems with renovations to the facility required to accommodate the expanded operations. The Town of Spindale Commissioners and the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on a local incentive package to support the project.

Manroy Defense Systems, a division of Manroy USA, LLC is a veteran-owned small business located in Spindale, NC and is a certified HUBZONE company. Manroy USA, LLC is ISO Certified and is fully committed to its Quality Management System. Manroy was started in Alabama in 2009 to machine and manufacture gun parts and moved in Spindale in August 2011. Manroy USA, LLC is a leading supplier to the global defense industry with extensive experience in the production of machine guns, mounts and ancillary products. Manroy USA, LLC has a strong commitment to quality and service and continues to build their reputation for delivering high-value, reliable products with first-class service. Manroy USA, LLC has already secured approximately \$15 million in government contracts to produce product for the US Department of Defense. "Manroy Defense Systems appreciates the Town of Spindale Commissioners and the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners for their support of our investment here," stated Manroy Defense Systems President John Owens.

Rutherford County Commission Chairman Julius Owens said, "We are so excited about Manroy Defense Systems commitment to our community and their creation of 53 new jobs for the residents of Rutherford County. We want to thank them for their investment in Rutherford County and their confidence in our citizens whom they will employ. Rutherford County is very pro business and we look forward to Manroy Defense Systems continued growth and success in Rutherford County. We welcome this great expansion and all other companies that are looking for a great place to locate or expand. The Rutherford County Board of Commissioners looks forward to working with Manroy Defense Systems to build a lifelong partnership."

Town of Spindale Mayor Mickey Bland said "It is an exciting day when we can celebrate the growth of an existing industry in the Town of Spindale and their commitment to create so many new jobs for our citizens. On behalf of the Town of Spindale Commissioners and the residents for whom we serve, we want to thank Manroy Defense Systems for their reinvestment in our community. The leadership and town staff will continue to be available to assist you and your company to ensure your continued success well into the future."

"On behalf of Rutherford County Economic Development I want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Manroy Defense Systems for choosing to expand their operations in Rutherford County," said Terry Hines, Chairman of the Economic Development Advisory Board. "I also want to thank the Town of Spindale Board of Commissioners and the Economic Development staff for all of their efforts in working with the company on this project. I would like to extend a special thanks to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Isothermal Community College, and the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission for their support in helping Rutherford County Economic Development with this opportunity to bring new jobs to the residents of this great county."

Hiring for Manroy Defense Systems will be handled through Division of Employment Security—Forest City Office. Open positions will be posted as they become available. Additionally, resumes can be sent to npittman@manroy-usa.com.

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