

Warren's Business Expansions Create Thousands of New Jobs

Warren, MI – The announcement last week that the GM Tech Center in Warren will be creating 2,600 – 3,000 new jobs by 2018 with a \$1 billion expansion is another indication that the city's "business friendly" attitude is creating thousands of new jobs throughout the city, according to Warren Mayor Jim Fouts.

Fouts said new or future job-producing businesses include:

- GM's purchase of the 150,000 square foot vacant Campbell-Ewald Building on Van Dyke across from the Tech Center.
- Art Van Furniture's 180,000 square foot expansion of its one million square foot location on 14 Mile Road.
- Art Van Furniture's new 12,000 square foot Flooring Design Center, also on 14 mile
- Menard's \$6 million investment on Van Dyke south of 14 Mile
- Hampton Inn and Suites (215 rooms) on Van Dyke
- Kroger Superstore at 13 Mile and Mound
- Meijer at 10 Mile and Schoenherr

- Mazen Foods' 50,000 square foot development at 8 Mile and Schoenherr
- Wayne State University's new center for engineering, computer science and business programs across from Macomb Community College.
- New Cadillac dealership in city's downtown area

Fouts said new building permit revenues for the 2015 budget year are projected to be \$3 million or \$325,000 over 2014's revenues.

Fouts said Warren led Macomb County in business investments last year with \$82 million or 43 percent of the county according to the Macomb County Economic Impact Report for 2014.

"Businesses are responding to our business-friendly message with new developments or expansions," said Fouts. "Our aggressive business development department, led by director Lark Samouelian, is doing an outstanding job."

Fouts said the GM Tech Center expansion and other developments along Van Dyke have led to "solid proposals" for development of the city's downtown district.

“Businesses are realizing Warren is the place to invest because we encourage business development, and we offer a safe, clean, and efficiently-run city,” said Fouts.