

More Toyota Power Coming To Detroit Metro Area

September 05, 2013

Ann Arbor, Mich. (Sept. 5, 2013) – Toyota Technical Center (TTC), a division of Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, N.A. (TEMA), announced an investment of more than \$28 million to expand its powertrain operations at two facilities in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The new growth will support powertrain development capability, specifically in the areas of design, evaluation and calibration on new engine and transmission projects. Beefing up these three areas in Ann Arbor is just the latest example of Toyota's commitment to drive more local decision-making and ultimately faster, more precise response to its customers. "An expansion of this magnitude takes good team work with local partnerships," said Simon Nagata, president of Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America, Inc. "Our friends at Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Ann Arbor SPARK and Ann Arbor Township have been at the table with us to make this expansion possible."

"Toyota is a global leader in the automotive industry and its growth in Michigan is welcome news for all of us," Governor Rick Snyder said. "Toyota's commitment strongly signals that Michigan offers an improved climate for increased business investment. We welcome this very positive decision."

Paul Krutko, president of Ann Arbor SPARK adds, "Toyota chose to locate and take root here because of local resources, specifically the deep pool of engineering and technical talent. Ann Arbor SPARK, working with its partners at the local and state level, is committed to attracting leaders like Toyota to the region, and offering them the wide range of support to grow their businesses here."

"Ann Arbor Township and Toyota have worked together for 36 years," said Mike Moran, supervisor, Ann Arbor Township. "We are pleased to assist Toyota to transition the Technical Center into this new use, and look forward to at least another 36 years together."

The expansion projects will occur in Ann Arbor and position TTC to develop engines and automatic transmissions for the North American designed and manufactured vehicles. For over 10 years, Toyota has been manufacturing engines and transmissions in the U.S. and in the past 20 months Toyota has invested about \$2 billion in its North American manufacturing facilities, adding more than 4,000 new jobs.