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Manzullo Hails Rebirth of Camcar Aerospace in Rockford

New production, titanium R&D initiative will create jobs, enhance area's technology leadership

(WASHINGTON) Congressman Don Manzullo (R-Egan) welcomed back an aerospace manufacturer to northern Illinois today with the announcement that Acument Global Technologies is creating jobs and re-entering the high-performance threaded fastener market with a new Camcar Aerospace production facility in Rockford. The original Camcar Products Co. was founded in 1943 to develop fastening solutions for the B-24 Liberator heavy bomber during World War II.

In addition, Manzullo announced that he has directed \$750,000 in federal funds to a joint Research & Development venture between Camcar Aerospace and Northern Illinois University to create new titanium components for our nation's defense. Manzullo joined Martin Schnurr, vice president and general manager of Acument North America, for the announcement this morning at Camcar Aerospace's new 18th Avenue production facility.

"Acument's new Camcar Aerospace operation establishes a benchmark for the resurgence of Rockford and Illinois as world capitals for research, development, design, and production of system components for the aerospace industry," Manzullo said. "As part of this commitment, we are directing \$750,000 in federal funds to enable Camcar Aerospace and Northern Illinois University to conduct joint research and development programs to foster development of titanium components that are vital to America's future aerospace and defense leadership. Our long-range goal is to establish Rockford as the world capital for titanium manufacturing processes and technology."

Manzullo said Rockford is quickly becoming an "aerospace cluster" with advanced technology and production occurring at Hamilton Sundstrand (currently hiring 150 new engineers in Rockford), Woodward, Smiths Aerospace (GE Aviation), Ingenium Aerospace, Kaney Aerospace, and smaller suppliers to the industry, such as Superior Joining Technologies in Loves Park, Forest City Gear in Roscoe, and many others. The aerospace market represents one of the biggest growth markets for our manufacturers, as the worldwide number of airplanes is expected to double from 18,000 today to more than 35,000 by 2024.

"Aerospace will provide good-paying jobs for many generations to come, and it's great to see so many Rockford-area manufacturers involved in this advanced growth market," Manzullo said.

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