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JEFFERSON COUNTY, MO AND CITY OF CRYSTAL CITY RECEIVE EWGCOG EXEMPLARY ACCOMPLISHMENT BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISTITION AWARD

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MO – Jefferson County, MO and the City of Crystal City received the Exemplary Accomplishment by a Local Government, Jurisdiction, Agency or Individual Award for their Partnership to Secure New Manufacturing Facility – James Hardie Industries at the East-West Gateway Council of Governments 58th Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon Program held on November 15, 2023.

The award recognizes the two years of work by government entities to attract and retain the largest corporate investment ever in Jefferson County, MO. The city and Jefferson County worked with economic development entities at the local, regional and state level to coordinate efforts, including the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation, Jefferson College, the Jefferson County Port Authority, Greater St. Louis Inc., the Missouri Department of Economic Development and Governor Parson’s office.

“It really is quite an honor,” said Director of Administration David Courtway. “We’ve spent countless hours on this project to make it happen, and to be recognized for all that work is a good feeling.”

“It’s wonderful that we have a great working relationship with such a talented group of individuals,” said County Executive Dennis Gannon. “If we didn’t, I’m not sure this project would have come to reality.”

The James Hardie Industries manufacturing facility makes fiber cement home siding and flooring products. Their plans to build a 1.25 million square foot manufacturing facility in Crystal City, MO is expected to employ 230 people at a pay rate on average of \$35 per hour. Additionally, there will be a significant number of construction jobs for infrastructure improvements and construction of the facility itself.

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