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Executive Russell M. Pry Announces Early 2012 Job Creation and Retention Successes

County of Summit Executive Russell M. Pry kicked-off 2012 by participating in the announcement of three local economic development successes: the establishment of the Röchling Automotive Manufacturing Plant in Springfield Township, the start-up of APTO-Orthopaedics, the Austen BioInnovation Institute's first company and the retention of Diebold, Inc in Green.

"Each of these projects are the result of hard work and dedication of several public and private partners. These three announcements signal that 2012 should be a very exciting year," stated Pry. "Together, the projects will serve as a major boost to our local economy."

On January 11th, Pry welcomed Röchling Automotive, a German high performance plastics manufacturing company, to Summit County. The ribbon cutting celebration was held at Röchling's newest facility located in the Massillon Road Industrial Park, in the Akron–Springfield Joint Economic Development District.



The \$18.5 million, 80,000 square-foot, two story, pre-cast concrete building is the seventh Röchling Automotive manufacturing site to be established in the U.S. The new location was established to better serve its mid-west U.S. customers. The company has committed to employing 123 skilled machinists with an annual payroll of approximately \$5 million.

"We were able to attract Röchling to our community by promoting our fully developed infrastructure and our workforce's focus on manufacturing, polymers and plastics," stated Pry. "Now that Röchling has established operations in Summit County, we will continue to assist the company by connecting them with potential business partners and addressing their workforce needs."

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Executive Russell M. Pry Announces Economic Development Partnerships Bring Success

The next day, Thursday, January 12th, the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron (ABIA) announced the start-up of its first medical device company, APTO-Orthopaedics. The company's first device will be designed to improve the care of children with spinal deformities by eliminating the need for repetitive, painful and costly surgeries.

The creation of APTO-Orthopaedics represents a strong step forward for the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron. "It is exciting to see the Institute continue to move towards becoming the global leader in discovering, developing and commercializing biomaterials solutions for patients with orthopaedic and wound healing problems," stated Pry.

Over the next 10 years, the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron intends to create over 2,000 jobs and attract millions of dollars in research, investment and commercialization to the community. In 2010, the Pry administration collaborated with First Energy, the Summit County Port Authority and the State of Ohio to convert a segment of a county owned government building into a new, state-of-the-art headquarter facility for the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron. The project is expected to be completed before early Spring.

Twenty-four hours later, Friday, January 13th, representatives from Diebold, Inc. announced their plans to construct a new global headquarters facility in Green. Initial plans call for the construction of a 500,000 square-foot building to house 1,500 employees.

To assist the City of Green in its efforts to construct the public infrastructure system needed to support the build out of Diebold's new global headquarter facility, Executive Russell M. Pry has committed \$2 million towards the project: \$250,000 for the sanitary sewer extension and \$1.75 million towards new road construction. At the request of Executive Pry, First Energy also committed \$150,000 to assist with electrical infrastructure needs associated with the project. The County's incentive package remains subject to approval by Summit County Council. These incentives have been coupled with incentives offered by the City of Green and State of Ohio in the effort to keep Diebold in Summit County.

"Diebold, Inc.'s headquarters facility will be a great addition to the local landscape," stated Pry. "The retention project will have a significant impact on the County and the City of Green for years to come." Diebold's announcement is the result of another successful collaboration by my administrative, the City of Green and Mayor Dick Norton, the Summit County Port Authority and representatives for the State of Ohio.

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