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**EVS METAL ANNOUNCES EXPANSION PLAN IN PFLUGERVILLE**  
***Company growing its presence by nearly 50 percent, adding employees***

(Austin, TX – September 25, 2009) – EVS Metal is expanding its Central Texas presence as part of a nation-wide growth plan.

The company, which manufactures a variety of metals into customized components and parts, is adding 12,000 square feet of space to its 30,000-square-foot plant in Pflugerville, Texas. The expansion was bolstered by an incentive agreement with the Pflugerville Community Development Corp.

EVS Metal will also grow its local number employees as part of the expansion – from its current number of 55 to more than 65 employees. Terms of the economic incentive agreement with the PCDC call for an investment of \$90,000 in 4B funds to assist with capital expenditures associated with expanding its Pflugerville plant. EVS Metal will also receive \$2,000 per employee it hires, limited to a maximum of 25 employees. New positions will be added in manufacturing and office personnel.

“We’ve been extremely fortunate to have experienced an uptick in sales in recent months, and we anticipate feeling positive effects of an economic recovery early next year,” says Bob Evans, general manager of Central Texas operations. “When business does pick up, we want to be in a position to tell our existing customers and new customers we’re ready for business. We’ll have the capacity and we’ll have the manpower.”

The agreement with the PCDC was solidified in late August, with the company now commencing work on the Pflugerville expansion. The expansion team includes three Austin-based companies, namely: Structural engineer: McIntyre & McIntyre, the project’s structural engineer; Austin Collaborative Architecture, the project’s architect; and RGD Builders Inc., the project’s construction company. The addition is expected to be complete by year’s end.

It will enable EVS to move out of 4,000 square feet of sub-leased space it occupies down the road, and consolidate all local operations into one building. A portion of the 4B funds will be used for beautification efforts, including the addition of 200 trees and shrubs.

“EVS Metal has been a great business in Pflugerville. They are active with organizations in the community and are going to try and do vocational training or internships at their location for high school students,” says Traci Anderson, assistant economic development director of the PCDC. “The expansion of EVS Metal is a great asset for Pflugerville and they will continue to have support from the PCDC.”

Locally, EVS Metal’s customer base serves the semiconductor, medical, oil, industrial, entertainment and telecommunications industries. The company custom-produces metal into a wide array of objects including: stainless steel enclosures, brackets, panels, frames and card cages. Services include: laser cutting, machining, forming, welding, assembly, plating, powder coating, integration, logistics, inventory management and design services.

The Pflugerville expansion is one part of a three-pronged growth plan the company is undertaking. Based in New Jersey, the company is investing a total of more than \$1 million in its three locations. In addition to New Jersey and Pflugerville, the company also has operations in New Hampshire.

“It’s a counter-cyclical time to grow, which means costs of labor and materials are low. That means our dollars go further than they would have a year or two ago,” says Scott Berkowitz, president of EVS Metal. “All of our expansion efforts are geared towards positioning ourselves to be as competitive and cutting-edge as possible for the future.”

#### **About EVS Metal**

EVS Metal provides prototyping, production and engineering services to companies throughout the United States. Products and services include chassis, enclosure and complex weldment production, as well as the fabrication of highly cosmetic finished parts, including mirrored finish stainless. EVS also offers integration services, various stocking programs and design engineering support. EVS Metal is a privately held corporation headquartered and with a manufacturing facility in Riverdale, New Jersey with an additional facilities in Pflugerville, TX and Keene, New Hampshire. For more information about EVS Metal, please visit the website at [www.evsmetal.com](http://www.evsmetal.com).

#### **About the Pflugerville Community Development Corp.**

The Pflugerville Community Development Corp. dedicates itself to facilitating smart growth while diversifying the city’s tax base and providing strong support to both commerce and the community. It accomplishes its mission by marketing Pflugerville as a desirable place for new businesses to operate, and by assisting existing businesses and addressing their needs. The PCDC can also provide funding for use as incentives to businesses to begin doing business in Pflugerville and also to construct needed infrastructure such as roads, utilities, and drainage projects.

Located 16 miles northeast of Austin, between Austin and Round Rock, Pflugerville is well-situated in a growing region. Recent transportation improvements, such as State Highways 45 and 130 offer further linkage and direct access to other nearby cities and the region’s main airport. For more information, please visit: [www.pfdevelopment.com](http://www.pfdevelopment.com).