

News Release

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BENDIX SPICER FOUNDATION BRAKE EARNS AWARD FOR FACILITY EXPANSION

Bowling Green Manufacturing Plant Nearly Triples Workforce by End of 2011

ELYRIA, Ohio – Oct. 21, 2011 – Job growth at the Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB) wheel-end production facility in Bowling Green, Ky., earned the company a 2011 Business Expansion Award from the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce.

A joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC, BSFB added 221 full-time positions this year at the manufacturing facility, bringing the total roster through September to 334 employees. As many as 25 additional full-time jobs are expected to be added to the Bowling Green site by the end of 2011.

Since opening in 2007, BSFB's Bowling Green facility has manufactured the full lineup of Bendix® foundation brake products, including the Bendix® Extended Service drum brake (ES Brakes™) and Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brake. This year, BSFB added a new automated production line to the facility for the ADB22X, tripling the current capacity for its North American operation.

Each year, the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expansion Awards recognize South Central Kentucky companies that have expanded their operations by investing capital and creating local jobs. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake's 2011 job growth is the largest announced among the 11 companies that received this year's award. The Chamber of Commerce recognized BSFB Sept. 29 at its 2011 Business and Industry Appreciation Banquet. Three representatives from the BSFB facility – Plant Manager, Matt Wasem; HR Manager, Mary Burke; and Freddie Jones, one of the air disc brake operators – were on hand to accept the award.

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“We are honored to receive this award from the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce,” said Aaron Schwass, director of the foundation brake group at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake. “The recognition reflects our commitment to the community and the industry. As OEMs, fleets, and owner-operators continue to look to BSFB for the best in wheel-end solutions, we look forward to continuing to expand our presence in Bowling Green.”

Increasing product demand has helped drive the growth in BSFB’s Bowling Green operations. For example, demand for the Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brake grew 120 percent from 2009 to 2010, with another 40 percent increase expected for 2011.

In addition, BSFB introduced a new, higher-performing version of its Extended Service drum brake in 2011. Manufactured in Bowling Green, the brake was developed to meet the new federal stopping distance requirements mandated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

About Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC combines and expands the complementary wheel-end foundation brake technologies of two global leaders – Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC. The joint venture, formed in July 2004, is a single, complete source for OEM brake system design, manufacturing, hardware, and support for all foundation brake components and actuation systems, as well as all-makes coverage of nearly 50,000 medium- and heavy-duty aftermarket parts. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC is headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, with engineering operations in both Elyria and Kalamazoo, Mich., and a manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Ky. For more information, call 1-866-610-9709 or visit www.foundationbrakes.com. Follow BSFB on Twitter at http://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS.

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