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Shoup Manufacturing Announces Major Expansion in Kankakee County

Kankakee County Board Utilizing ARPA Infrastructure Funds for Road Construction Serving Expanded Facility

Kankakee, Illinois (January 26, 2022) — Kankakee County and Shoup Manufacturing are excited to announce a major expansion and associated infrastructure upgrade at Shoup's manufacturing and distribution complex in Kankakee County. The \$10 million project includes the addition of an 80,000 square foot warehouse, manufacturing expansion, constructing new parking lots and roads within the Shoup footprint, and will ultimately lead to 30-50 full time jobs, each earning between \$30,000 and \$70,000 per year with full benefits.

Today, the Kankakee County Finance Committee approved utilizing \$75,000 of ARPA funds to support Shoup's investment in the local economy by funding road construction required to support the increased truck traffic to and from the site. The full County Board will consider the measure for final approval at their February meeting.

"This is precisely the role of good government," said County Board Chairman Andy Wheeler. "Here we have a successful local manufacturer with roots in this community, a company investing in our community and our workforce and we have the opportunity to develop the infrastructure required to make the expansion happen. I can think of no better use of these funds than to foster economic development in our County, especially when it is supporting a company that supports our community the way Shoup does."

Shoup may not be a familiar name to all Kankakee County residents, but it is a household name for America's farmers. A company widely known for their commitment to keeping the American farmer productive and up and running, Shoup has experienced

tremendous and sustained growth in their farm equipment replacement parts business. The current Phase-II expansion is central to serving our farmers today and tomorrow.

“This is an exciting time for the Shoup “family” of employees,” said Shoup President Ray Lovell. “As we make these investments designed to rise and exceed our customer’s expectations, it is amazing to see Kankakee County do the same for Shoup. When we found out we were required to upgrade the roads outside of our footprint, Chairman Wheeler jumped right in and got the team together to work toward a solution. The County Board followed through with funding a large part of the road project, with Shoup and Kankakee Township contributing as well. Ultimately, we feel like we have a partner in the County, which makes our investment here that much more secure.”

“Kankakee County is still a vibrant manufacturing community,” said Tim Nugent, President/CEO of the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County. “When we see these kinds of investments, it reaffirms that Kankakee County is still a great place for business to make and sell products on a national, even global scale.”

The Shoup facility lies just outside of the City of Kankakee on Stuart Drive which places it in the County with roads maintained by Kankakee Township. Kankakee County and Shoup will provide roughly 67% of the estimated \$187,000 project cost, and the road will be maintained by Kankakee Township after construction.

“Shoup Manufacturing is committed to helping the American Farmer grow profitably,” concluded Chairman Wheeler. “Kankakee County is committed to helping Shoup do the same here in Kankakee County.”

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Shoup Manufacturing launched the present business of manufacturing, marketing and distributing quality replacement parts for farm equipment directly to the American farmer in 1977. What began as an original product line consisting of less than 50 products has grown into thousands of quality replacement parts and accessories for most planting, harvesting, foraging and tillage equipment. www.shoupparts.com