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Belcan to Expand in Downtown Lexington

Engineering firm adding 100 jobs and expanding in Lexington Vine Center

LEXINGTON Ky. (July 28, 2015) – Lieutenant Governor Crit Luallen and Mayor Jim Gray joined company officials and local leaders today to announce the expansion of Belcan Corporation in downtown Lexington.

Belcan, a leading engineering services and technical staffing provider will create 100 jobs and invest \$1.2 million into the expansion in the Lexington Vine Center.

“The Belcan story is a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit of Kentucky,” said Gov. Steve Beshear. “When faced with business challenges, company officials opted to reach outside their current portfolio to grow. I commend their hard work and determination and congratulate them on this achievement.”

“Congratulations to company officials, employees and downtown Lexington,” said Lt. Gov. Crit Luallen. “This is another example of how Kentucky’s pro-business climate allows companies to grow their business and bring new, high-paying jobs to Kentucky.”

Belcan is planning to lease an additional 15,000-square feet in the Vine Center to accommodate the increased number of engineers needed to support our new customer Pratt & Whitney, a commercial and military aerospace gas turbine engine supplier. Belcan opened its Lexington office in 2005 to service a growing aerospace contract with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.

“We are grateful to the Lexington business community and our employees for their efforts and support over the last 10 years,” says Lance Kwasniewski, CEO of Belcan. “We are looking forward to continued growth in the years ahead.”

“Attracting this outstanding company to our city and helping it grow its aerospace engineering and design center are huge steps forward that tell the world Lexington is a great place to do business,” said Mayor Jim Gray. “Since 2011, Lexington’s unemployment rate has been cut by more than half. Companies are moving here and growing here. Lexington is competing and winning with a high quality of life, outstanding educational opportunities and state and unique local incentives. We work to attract jobs every day.”

Belcan is headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio and has more than 6,000 employees in 49 locations serving more than 600 active clients globally. The company is a major supplier of engineering, project management and technical staffing solutions to a wide array of industries.

“It is exciting for our community that Belcan is expanding its Lexington operations, which will create new job opportunities and provide a healthy boost to the local economy,” said Sen. Reginald Thomas of Lexington. “It also speaks highly of our dedicated workforce that this company is willing to make this investment. Belcan is a good corporate neighbor and I look forward to a long, prosperous corporate partnership.”

“I’m really pleased to see Belcan take this step and invest further in our community, because these jobs are exactly the type we’re trying to attract to downtown,” said Rep. Kelly Flood of Lexington. “I want to thank the company’s leaders for moving in this direction, and I appreciate the hard work of Gov. Beshear, his administration and our local leaders in making economic development announcements like this possible.”

“As Belcan celebrates 10 years in Lexington, they continue to add high paying aerospace jobs to the community,” said Bob Quick, CCE, president and CEO of Commerce Lexington Inc. “We enjoyed working with the Belcan team when they located in 2005 and look forward to continuing our partnership for many years to come.”

For more information on Belcan, visit belcancorporation.com.

A detailed community profile for Lexington (Fayette County) can be viewed [here](#).

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