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### **IST Announces New Location in Tonganoxie**

Leavenworth County Development Corporation (LCDC) is pleased to announce the location of IST – Industrial Service Technologies in the Urban Hess Business Park in Tonganoxie. The company plans to employ 17 people in the first year with a total of up to 37 jobs within five years. IST is constructing a 6,400 square foot building initially with options to expand as the company grows.

LCDC, the Leavenworth County Port Authority (LCPA), the City of Tonganoxie and the Kansas Department of Commerce worked with IST to bring its company headquarters and metal fabrication division to Tonganoxie. IST currently has operations in four other states and services food production clients and other manufacturing operations throughout the United States.

Tonganoxie Mayor, David Frese, said "We are thrilled that IST decided to bring new, quality jobs to our community. Tonganoxie is growing, and we are happy to welcome IST to our expanding list of businesses."

The location of IST comes on the heels of the location of Wilson Glass to the business park earlier this year. Wilson Glass fabricates window frames for buildings in the Kansas City region. Also, this year HMC Performance Coatings, a full-service powder coating company, finished construction on a 10,000 square foot expansion in the park. Last year, S & S Alloy Steel, a metal service center, built a new facility in Urban Hess to replace its original building which was destroyed in a fire in late 2018.

Greg Kaaz, Chair of the Leavenworth County Port Authority, stated, "It is exciting that we will soon have a fourth new building constructed in the business park in just the past 18 months. We are proud to welcome IST to our business park."

Travis Papenberg, President/CEO of IST, stated that, "We are extremely pleased with the cooperation and partnership of Tonganoxie, the Port Authority, LCDC and the Kansas Department of Commerce in working with us to help make this project a reality. IST represents some of the very best fabrication and manufacturing service providers in the business today, and this location will allow us to continue to grow our businesses." IST has been in the industrial maintenance and operations field of food processing and general manufacturing for over 20 years.

In addition to the local agencies involved in the project, the company is working with the Kansas Department of Commerce to take advantage of development programs of the State of Kansas. Harland Russell, LCDC President, explained, "These tax credit and training programs include PEAK, HPIP and KIT which are available to companies making new capital investments in their facilities and investing in their workforces."

"IST is a terrific company, and Tonganoxie is the perfect location for their expansion," Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "I'm so pleased by the collaboration among great partners working together who made this happen. Congratulations and thank you to IST, Tonganoxie and Leavenworth County on this exciting announcement."

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