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Allison Transmission’s Global Headquarters to Expand in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (April 19, 2011) - Governor Mitch Daniels and Mayor Greg Ballard joined executives from Allison Transmission, a global manufacturer of automatic transmissions, today to announce the company’s plans to expand operations here by investing $89 million to improve its facilities, manufacturing operations, and equipment. The investment will create up to 205 new jobs by 2013.

The company has been developing and testing a new and innovative commercial duty transmission for over-the-road tractor trailers for the past several years and has recently received approval from its board of directors to begin production. The funds invested in manufacturing operations and equipment upgrades will improve overall production capabilities and the infrastructure improvements will include re-directing and improving 10th Street to allow for additional room for expansion on the company’s campus adjacent to the town of Speedway.

“Allison Transmission has long been an Indianapolis success story. The company’s continued growth and substantial investment will provide new job opportunities for hundreds of workers in Indianapolis and new high-tech products for their customers around the globe,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “The city, state, and town of Speedway have partnered to support this major expansion, which will further cement the company’s presence in Indianapolis.”

Allison Transmission, which currently employs nearly 2,500 people in Indianapolis, hired 50 employees earlier this month. Additional positions will begin to be filled as facility upgrades are phased-in. Further hiring will continue to take place over the next two years.

“The State of Indiana, the City of Indianapolis, the town of Speedway and the great people in this community have all been good to Allison Transmission for a very long time and we appreciate the support. As our company looked at our Indianapolis campus and thought about future growth and expansion, the critical element we lacked here was room to grow. Today’s announcement to re-direct 10th Street, in front of our facilities, changes all of that and puts our company in a position where we can grow our business, expand our product offerings, hire more people and expand our global headquarters here in central Indiana, “said Lawrence E. Dewey, Allison Transmission Chairman and CEO. “We have been a long time corporate member of this community and we plan on maintaining our presence here.”

“On the day we learned that Indiana surged forward in March by nearly 10,000 new jobs and that our unemployment rate continues to drop below the nation and all of our neighbors, we welcome this further piece of good news. Momentum is building in the Hoosier economy, and Allison, for generations one of our greatest companies, is a big part of it,” said Governor Mitch Daniels.

Founded in 1915 by Jim Allison, one of the original four founders of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Allison Transmission was purchased by the Carlyle Group and Onex Corporation in 2007 from General Motors.
To complete infrastructure work at the site that will allow for future expansion, the city of Indianapolis will provide $1 million in assistance to the town of Speedway. Federal transportation funds in the amount of $3.5 million will also be used for the project. Develop Indy will support the company’s application for a seven-year personal property tax abatement for approval by the Metropolitan Development Commission.

“Realigning 10th Street will give Allison Transmission the ability to continue its growth and success, both today and well into the future. However, today is also a great day for the residents and businesses in the Town of Speedway,” said Scott Harris, executive director of the Speedway Redevelopment Commission. “With this investment, Allison Transmission will undoubtedly be a large part of the Town of Speedway’s next 100 years. They are imbedded in our community, and Speedway is proud to be Allison’s home base.”

About Allison Transmission
Allison Transmission, Inc. (Allison) is the world’s largest manufacturer of fully-automatic transmissions for medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles, medium- and heavy-tactical U.S. military vehicles and hybrid-propulsion systems for transit buses. Allison products are specified by over 300 of the world’s leading vehicle manufacturers and are used in many market sectors including bus, refuse, fire, construction, distribution, military and specialty applications. Founded in 1915, the Allison business is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A. and employs approximately 2,750 people worldwide. Regional headquarters with dedicated support staff are located in China, The Netherlands, Brazil, India and Japan. With a global presence in 80 countries, Allison has over 1,500 independent distributor and dealer locations. More information about Allison is available at www.allisontransmission.com.

About Develop Indy
Develop Indy is Marion County’s local economic development organization. Develop Indy is dedicated to attracting new businesses, retaining and expanding existing businesses and serving as a catalyst for capital investment and quality job growth in Indianapolis/Marion County. Formed in 2007, Develop Indy is led by CEO Scott Miller. For more information about Develop Indy, visit www.developindy.com.

About IEDC
Created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Daniels. Mitch Roob serves as the chief executive officer of the IEDC. For more information about IEDC, visit www.iedc.in.gov.

About Speedway Redevelopment Commission
The Speedway Redevelopment Commission (SRC) consists of five volunteers appointed by the Speedway Town Council. Using input from the entire community, the commission is charged with developing a plan to revitalize a 700-acre area, including Speedway’s Main Street. In November 2009, the SRC broke ground on Main Street, its first construction project. The $10 million Main Street project is the first milestone in the town’s Redevelopment Area One and is part of a $500 million investment to breathe new life into 400 acres of multi-use property that will be primed for commercial, shopping and entertainment, residential and research and development projects. Made possible through private and public investment, the redevelopment zone will be a vibrant, thriving and attractive downtown that will foster growth within the existing business community and encourage development of new business. More information about the SRC is available at www.speedwayindiana.com.

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ATTACHMENT: 10TH STREET REALIGNMENT FACT SHEET AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

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10th Street Realignment Project

The 10th Street Realignment Project will re-direct 10th Street from Main Street to Holt Road, near Allison Transmission Inc.’s global headquarters in Speedway, Ind. The project will allow for Allison Transmission to expand its Speedway facility, ultimately leading to more job creation and a larger product line for the world’s largest manufacturer of fully-automatic transmissions for medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles, medium- and heavy-tactical U.S. military vehicles and hybrid-propulsion systems for transit buses.

Project Funding
• State of Indiana: $5 million
• City of Indianapolis: $1 million
• Federal Transportation Funds through the Metropolitan Planning Organization: $3.5 million
• Speedway Redevelopment Commission: $2 million

Proposed Timeline
• Design and Engineering January-August 2011
• Right of Way Acquisition April-August 2011
• Bid Documents and Plan Review September-October 2011
• Bid Project November-December 2011
• Construction January-November 2012

Projected Road Closure Schedule
• 10th Street will remain open from January through mid-August 2012.
• Sometime after the Brickyard 400 in August 2012, 10th Street will be closed for a number of months until project completion.