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PRESS RELEASE

Coalfield Services to Build Facility in Wythe County Progress Park

WYTHEVILLE—Coalfield Services, Inc., will expand its Wythe County operations by acquiring Lot 6 in Wythe County Progress Park. The company will construct an 8,000 sq ft facility on the 5.2-acre lot to house a new fabrication shop. The expansion will create approximately 10 jobs and represent an investment of approximately \$650,000. The Virginia Department of Business Assistance is expected to provide assistance with training and hiring needs, and Coalfield Services will qualify for grants for locating in a Virginia Enterprise Zone.

Headquartered in Wythe County, Coalfield Services is a contractor and equipment provider for the coal and mining industry and also provides crane-assisted equipment moving services. Founded in 1977 by Scott Akers, the company currently operates a facility across from Progress Park on Peppers Ferry Road. Constructing the new facility will allow Coalfield Services to meet the growing demand for its services. Company President Scott Aker said "Coalfield Services is excited to be a partner in the continued growth of Wythe County's Progress Park. We appreciate the cooperation and assistance we have received from the Joint IDA, the Board of Supervisors, and the Wythe County Administrator's office." Wythe County Board of Supervisors Chairman Susan Crigger said "We are especially pleased to see a local company expand and be able to benefit from Progress Park and the Enterprise Zone."

Wythe County Progress Park is a 1,210-acre industrial park in Wythe County. The lot acquired by Coalfield Services will be the first development in the park's "mini-park," an area designed to accommodate smaller-sized developments.

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