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VIRGINIA TOBACCO COMMISSION AWARDS GRANT FOR PROGRESS PARK

WYTHEVILLE—The Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission has awarded the Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority (CRIFA) a \$150,000 grant to assist in development of sewer infrastructure in the rail-served southern portion of Progress Park. The approximately \$750,000 infrastructure project will connect the southern portion of Progress Park to the previous interceptor line that connects the sewer lines from the northern portion of the park to the regional waste water treatment plant in Max Meadows. These large sites within the 1210-acre regional industrial park are an important addition to the state's and the region's inventory of available rail-served sites.

“Progress Park is an important anchor for a growing advanced manufacturing presence in Southwest Virginia,” stated Senator Phillip Puckett, member of the Tobacco Commission. “The Southwest Economic Development Committee and the entire Tobacco Commission is pleased to work with the Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority to develop the key infrastructure needed for continued attraction of leading manufacturers to the Park.”

“We are most appreciative of the support provided by the Tobacco Commission,” CRIFA Chairman Trent Crewe said. “This grant will allow us to proceed with construction of ‘backbone’ sewer infrastructure to serve the southern portion of Progress Park. With this backbone in place, future rail-served businesses can easily connect to the utility system within the building construction time frame.”

The CRIFA award was part of \$12,651,598 in grants awarded by the Tobacco Commission at its April 26, 2007, meeting held in Wytheville, Virginia. For additional information on the recent Commission awards, see www.vatobaccocommission.org/4-26-07%20Awarded%20Grants.pdf.

The Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission is a 31-member body created by the 1999 General Assembly. A significant part of its mission is the promotion of economic growth and development in tobacco-dependent communities. The Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority is a regional industrial facilities authority with membership of Bland County, Wythe County, and the Town of Wytheville.

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