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## **Governor Lee, Commissioner Rolfe Announce Woods Air Movement to Establish North American Headquarters, Manufacturing Facility in Murfreesboro**

- *U.K.-based air ventilation and fan company will re-establish North American presence*
- *Woods Air Movement will invest more than \$3 million in Rutherford County*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Woods Air Movement officials announced today that the ventilation and fan company will establish a U.S. facility in Murfreesboro.

Woods Air Movement will re-establish its North American presence in the U.S. market by investing \$3.6 million and creating 27 jobs in Rutherford County.

The company is constructing a new, purpose-built 25,000-square-foot facility, which will be its North American headquarters and manufacturing facility for industrial ventilation products used in road and rail tunnels, non-residential buildings and underground parking garages. The facility will also function as a product testing center, which will be accessible to customers.

Originally established in 1909 in Colchester, England, Woods Air Movement is globally recognized in a variety of markets from building ventilation and fire safety to customized industrial projects. Woods Air Movement manufactures smoke and fire safety products as well as centrifugal, axial Jet Thrust and roof fans. The company also specializes in acoustic and engineering support services.

Over the last five years, TNECD has supported more than 20 economic development projects in Rutherford County, resulting in approximately 3,000 job commitments and \$540 million in capital investment.

### **QUOTES**

“We welcome Woods Air Movement to Tennessee and are proud to be the top choice for this international company’s new U.S. operations. We saw how hard-working and resilient Tennesseans were in 2020, and I look forward to seeing this company develop and provide new opportunities for our residents in the new year.” – **Gov. Bill Lee**

“As we enter into a new year, TNECD continues to recruit top global companies to do business in Tennessee. Woods Air Movement’s decision to locate its North American headquarters in our state underscores Tennessee’s pro-business environment, central location and talented workforce. We thank the company for investing and creating new family-wage jobs in Rutherford County.” – **TNECD Commissioner Bob Rolfe**

“I am delighted to start this new chapter in our history and establish Woods Air Movement’s brand new, state-of-the-art manufacturing and testing facility here in Rutherford County. My thanks go to the TNECD and Rutherford County Chamber teams for their unwavering support and professionalism throughout this process. We are committed to developing, building and contributing to the local community as we grow as an organization.” – **Jamie Slowgrove, president, Woods Air Movement**

“One of the top goals of the Murfreesboro City Council along with our partners at the Rutherford Chamber of Commerce is to attract higher paying jobs to help keep talented MTSU graduates in our community. We are excited to celebrate the decision by Woods Air Movement to locate an advanced manufacturing and R&D facility in Murfreesboro. We look forward to welcoming Woods’ leadership and nearly 30 engineering jobs to our growing and livable community.” – **Murfreesboro City Mayor Shane McFarland**

“TVA and Middle Tennessee Electric congratulate Woods Air Movement on its decision to locate operations in Murfreesboro. Helping to attract quality jobs and investment to the Valley is fundamental to TVA’s mission of service and we are proud to partner with Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to help further that mission and celebrate this announcement.” – **John Bradley, TVA senior vice president of Economic Development**

“I am pleased Woods Air has chosen Murfreesboro as its premier R&D testing facility in the U.S. Our community offers a great workforce, a business-friendly environment and many opportunities for expanding businesses. I congratulate Woods Air on this new U.S. location and appreciate the work of state and local officials who helped secure these jobs and investment for Murfreesboro.” – **Sen. Shane Reeves (R-Murfreesboro)**

“Woods Air Movement is well-known all over the world for its innovation, new product development and successful growth. It’s exciting when a company like theirs recognizes the opportunities provided by Rutherford County. I welcome our newest employer and I look

forward to following their continued success developing new technologies in our community.”  
– Rep. Bryan Terry (R-Murfreesboro)

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