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**GOVERNOR RENDELL SAYS CURTISS-WRIGHT BOOSTING PA'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY  
WITH \$62 MILLION EXPANSION IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
PROJECT WILL CREATE 80 JOBS IN CHESWICK, RETAIN 700 JOBS STATEWIDE**

HARRISBURG – Curtiss-Wright Corporation is reaffirming its commitment to Pennsylvania with a new, state-of-the-art, manufacturing facility in Allegheny County that will create 80 new jobs, Governor Edward G. Rendell said today. The new complex will manufacture commercial nuclear reactor coolant pumps and support the production and testing of other new products used to produce nuclear energy.

"Today's announcement is great news for Pennsylvania on many different levels," Governor Rendell said. "This is about strengthening the commonwealth's manufacturing industry, reinforcing our position as the 4th leading state for new manufacturing plants, cementing our role as one of our nation's largest exporting states and maintaining a strong trade relationship with China – a top importer of our goods and services.

"It's also a terrific example of how our investments are triggering additional economic development growth. Our recent support of Westinghouse means Curtiss-Wright will create good-paying jobs for the region and it injects more than \$60 million into Allegheny County's economy."

Westinghouse Electric Company contracted with Curtiss-Wright to manufacture reactor coolant pumps for nuclear power plants. The company will produce 16 of the pumps at the new, nine-story, 48,000-square-foot manufacturing facility that will be built at its electro-mechanical division, or EMD, site in Cheswick. The facility is expected to be operational in 2008.

"Today is a great day to be a manufacturer in southwestern Pennsylvania. This new facility will support the design and manufacture of the largest canned motor pumps ever produced by EMD and the state-of-the-art components that are at the heart of the AP1000 nuclear reactor," said Greg Hempfling, vice president and general manager of EMD, Curtiss-Wright. "We are proud that this effort advances our sustained leadership in a critical technology while at the same time helping to provide clean, safe, affordable supplies of nuclear power to meet the significant long-term power needs of the world."

Allen Kukovich, director of the Governor's Southwest Regional Office, presented the company with a ceremonial check representing a \$440,000 financial package from the Department of Community and Economic Development. The package includes a \$100,000 opportunity grant, \$100,000 in customized job training funds and \$240,000 in job creation tax credits. The company worked with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development to secure the funding offer.

The project was coordinated through the Governor's Action Team, economic development professionals who serve as a single point-of-contact for businesses considering locating or expanding in Pennsylvania.

There have been 95 Governor's Action Team projects successfully completed in Allegheny County since January 2003. These projects total commitments to create 11,569 new jobs and retain 31,587 existing positions. The commonwealth has offered more than \$174 million in state assistance for these projects, which will leverage more than \$1.3 billion in additional investment.

In August, Governor Rendell helped break ground on the \$200 million Westinghouse Electric Company headquarters and technology center in Butler County. When complete, the company will employ 4,400 employees in western Pennsylvania. The Westinghouse project was also facilitated by the Governor's Action Team.

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a diversified company that designs, manufactures and overhauls products for motion control and flow control applications and provides a variety of metal treatment services. The firm employs approximately 7,300 people. To learn more about the company, visit

[www.curtisswright.com](http://www.curtisswright.com).

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