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# Mast Motorsports Chooses Nacogdoches for Facility Expansion

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**NACOGDOCHES, Texas** (May 24, 2011) —[Mast Motorsports](#), the leader in Gen IV LS hand built crate engines and performance products, is expanding its manufacturing operations in Nacogdoches, choosing Nacogdoches over one of its facilities just outside of Detroit.

The \$2.5 million expansion will result in the creation of 10-15 new jobs with an additional annual payroll of \$750,000. This translates to an average salary of \$60,000, which is well above the current average salary for Nacogdoches County. Construction is projected to begin later on this year.

A second phase of the expansion could occur within the next 18-30 months and would result in an additional 50,000 sq. ft. expansion. This \$5-6 million expansion would result in the creation of an additional 30-40 new jobs at an average annual salary of \$50,000.

“Our goal at NEDCO is to help bring good paying jobs with a future to Nacogdoches and that is definitely the case with the Mast Motorsports expansion,” said Bill King, president and CEO of NEDCO. “Being just two hours away from world-class engineering programs at Texas A&M University in College Station and Rice University in Houston gives Nacogdoches ready access to the kind of highly skilled engineering workforce that cutting-edge companies like Mast Motorsports need to grow and prosper.”

NEDCO, the City and the County have been working closely with representatives of Mast Motorsports since January. The Nacogdoches site was in competition with other another Mast facility in Michigan.

“The efforts of the City and County leadership were absolutely crucial in our ability to attract these new jobs and new capital investment to the Nacogdoches community,” said Ed Pool, NEDCO Chairman. “This is just one more example of the cooperative spirit in Nacogdoches, where the entire community works together to make things happen.”

After several months of negotiations, the City Council voted to create a Reinvestment Zone at the existing Mast Motorsports property on the west loop at its May 3 meeting. The City Council, at its May 17 meeting, and the County Commission, at its May 24 meeting, voted to grant tax abatement in order to help secure the new jobs and capital investment for Nacogdoches.

### **About NEDCO:**

The Nacogdoches Economic Development Corp. (NEDCO) is charged with promoting and stimulating economic development in Nacogdoches County, Texas. Its mission is to assist existing businesses in retaining and expanding jobs, to recruit new industry and business to Nacogdoches, and to foster local entrepreneurship.

Historic Nacogdoches, the Oldest Town in Texas, is a vital transportation, business, university and tourism center in the Texas Forest Country, and is the home of Stephen F. Austin State University and its 13,000 students. In addition to being an educational and regional medical hub, Nacogdoches County ranks 7<sup>th</sup> out of 254 Texas Counties in terms of agricultural production.

The Nacogdoches Economic Market consists of 300,000 people living within 35 miles of downtown Nacogdoches.