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PRESS RELEASE

Mount Rogers Industrial & Developmental Center Expands Wythe/Bland Operations

The Mount Rogers Community Services Board has acquired the 42,000 square foot building formerly housing Simply Home on George James Drive in Fairview Industrial Park. The building will become the new location of the Board's IDC Wythe/Bland Center operations currently located at 120 Tremough Drive in Wytheville, Virginia.

The IDC also has operations in the Mountain Empire Industrial Park, Atkins, Virginia, and Carroll Industrial Park, Hillsville, Virginia. The acquisition increases the IDC's available operating space to over 120,000 square feet.

Lisa Moore, Executive Director of Mount Rogers Community Services Board, stated that the acquisition is part of the agency's strategic plan to position the IDC for future business development opportunities and to better accommodate current program needs. The IDC serves more than three hundred persons with disabilities each day in its three locations.

In addition to providing a dependable outsourcing service for local industries, the IDC holds contracts with U.S. Army RDECOM Acquisition Center – Natick, Mass. for covers for the Advanced Combat Helmet; Defense Supply Center – Philadelphia for other combat helmets, personal effects bags, and men's handkerchiefs; the Naval Inventory Control Point for cleaning cloths used on nuclear submarines; the Army Reserve Contracting Center for cleaning services for the Army Reserve Centers in the City of Galax and Atkins, Virginia.

Ron Burnop, IDC Director, expressed appreciation for the collaboration and support of the personnel of the Joint Industrial Development Authority in facilitating the purchase of the building from WeaveTex, Inc. Joe Freeman, Chairman of the Joint IDA, said, "It's especially rewarding to see the success of the IDC knowing that its business accomplishments represent so many individual successes for its employees."

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