

Poarch Creek Enterprise Muskogee Metalworks to Sign Agreement with Boeing

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Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Alabama – November 7, 2006 – The Poarch Band Creek Indians and The Boeing Company today announced that they have formed an important new partnership that contributes to economic development in South Alabama.

Muskogee Metalworks, an economic enterprise of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, will sign a mentor protégé agreement with The Boeing Company. Under the agreement, Boeing will provide quality assurance training. Boeing will also provide marketing and business development assistance. The agreement between Boeing and Muskogee Metalworks will help Muskogee Metalworks become a more cost effective and viable subcontractor to the Boeing Company and other customers.

Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin announced today that representatives of Boeing and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians will meet on Thursday, November 9, 2006 for a formal signing ceremony. “The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is committed to being good neighbors in the State. Employment is one of the most powerful means of building a stronger future for our communities,” said Chairman Rolin.

James T. Martin, President of Creek Indian Enterprises added, “This partnership with Boeing is an important investment in economic development for South Alabama. We are pleased to have an opportunity to develop our enterprise and make it more competitive for future contracts with Boeing and other industries. These contracts ultimately result in employment for local residents, and make our region more attractive to industries considering relocating to this area.”

The signing ceremony will be held at the Muskogee Metalworks facility at 601 Muskogee Boulevard in Atmore from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A reception and bus tour for invited guests will begin at 10:30 a.m. following the signing ceremony. Media are invited to attend.

Boeing is the largest aerospace employer in Alabama, with more than 3,300 employees in North Alabama. Boeing in Alabama contributes an average of \$1.5 billion annually to the state economy. In 2005, the company created more than 10,000 direct and indirect jobs in the State.

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Muskogee Metalworks (MMW) is a tribally owned enterprise. Its 90,000 square foot facility provides machine parts to military and private enterprise, and participates in the U.S. Air Force's Manufacturing Technical Assistance Production Program. Muskogee Metalworks has been in operation since 1989 with the primary business being design and manufacture of metal fabricated hardware. In 2001, the product line was expanded to include electronic assemblies and electro-mechanical production. In 2005, Muskogee Metalworks received the Nunn-Perry Award which is the highest honor bestowed on a contractor from the Department of Defense.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents. Poarch Creek Indian Gaming manages three gaming facilities in Alabama, including: the Creek Entertainment Center in Atmore; Riverside Entertainment Center in Wetumpka; and Tallapoosa Entertainment Center in Montgomery. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an active partner in the state of Alabama, contributing to economic, educational, social and cultural projects benefiting both tribal members and residents of these local communities and neighboring towns. The Tribe's Planned Giving Campaign includes significant donations to local schools, education scholarships, senior centers, youth athletics, and charitable organizations.

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