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**AEROSPACE MANUFACTURER HONORED FOR THREE GENERATIONS  
OF GROWTH AND SUCCESS IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Seyer Industries, an aerospace and maritime defense manufacturer located in St. Charles County, recently was honored for growth and success by St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann and the St. Charles County Workforce Development Board. Seyer, located in St. Peters, has been a family-owned business for three generations.

“Seyer Industries is a home-grown success story that has global customers including Boeing, Bell Helicopter, Gulfstream, Northrop Grumman and many others,” said Ehlmann. “Aerospace and commercial aviation are important parts of the manufacturing resurgence in our community, and we are proud to recognize Seyer Industries as a leader in this growing business sector.”

Founded in 1957, Seyer Industries started with the sole proprietor and has grown to approximately 200 employees in facilities that total 120,000 square feet. An expansion of 9,100 square feet will be completed this fall.

County Executive Ehlmann also praised Seyer Industries for its role in the upcoming Manufacturing Day 2016 events planned for Friday, Oct. 7, in the College Center Building at St. Charles Community College. “Seyer Industries is giving back to the community by participating in this event,” he said. “I urge residents and officials in our community to support and take part in Manufacturing Day 2016 as we encourage the next generation of our workforce to consider the promising careers available in advanced manufacturing.”

Manufacturing is credited for nearly 15,000 local jobs, or 12 percent of the workforce, in St. Charles County, according to Scott J. Drachnik, director of the County’s Department of Workforce & Business Development. “Annual manufacturing wages are more than \$1.1 billion – the highest by a long-shot of all business sectors in our community,” Drachnik said.

Drachnik thanked company CEO Chris Seyer for his ongoing service to the County’s Manufacturing Task Force and the company’s long-standing role on the St. Charles County Workforce Development Board.

“Chris Seyer has been a valuable resource to us as we work closely with successful manufacturing entrepreneurs to better understand their needs,” he said. “It is of great benefit to be able to pass along best practices, such as how Seyer Industries has been adjusting work schedules and its culture to better accommodate the influx of millennials into the manufacturing workforce.”

For more information about manufacturing and the local economy, contact St. Charles County’s Department of Workforce & Business Development at 636-255-6060 or visit <http://www.sccmo.org/163/Workforce-Business-Development>.



*St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann, left, presents a resolution to Chris Seyer, CEO of Seyer Industries.*

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