



Golden Isles Development Authority Announces the Expansion of Scojet Inc and Second Harvest of South Georgia

Glynn County, GA, November 2, 2021-- The Golden Isles Development Authority (GIDA) announced the expansion of Scojet Inc. and Second Harvest of South Georgia. GIDA has been working with both the manufacturer and nonprofit to coordinate a mutually beneficial agreement that supports each organization's expansion in Glynn County.

GIDA has been working with Scojet since 2020 on identifying a building that could meet its growth projections. During this time, Second Harvest approached GIDA in search of a facility that would accommodate its existing demand and utilize the grant monies from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Staff at GIDA proposed a creative solution that incentivized Scojet to build a new \$5,000,000 manufacturing facility at North Glynn Commerce Park. Once Scojet vacates its current facility, Second Harvest will begin renovations and move its operations into the former Scojet building in Brunswick-McBride Industrial Park.

"It's always a pleasure to see one of our existing, Georgia-based industries continue to expand and create even more jobs in our communities," **said Georgia Department of Economic Development Deputy Commissioner Scott McMurray.** "A provider of manufacturing solutions to major automotive and aerospace OEMs, I'm confident Scojet will continue to thrive here, thanks to our geographic location, existing workforce, and high concentration of aerospace and automotive companies right here in Georgia."

The Board also approved a competitive incentive package for Scojet's new facility that includes up to \$200,000 towards site-work improvements and deferred land payment for five years.

"At GIDA, we are committed to helping businesses find the right location and sites that meet their goals. Working with both Scojet and America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, we connected them at the right time that made sense for their expansions while providing the resources to get the project done on a tight timeline. Our team and board are excited to support the manufacturing sector and other industries grow here in Glynn County." Ryan Moore, President and CEO, GIDA.

All incentives will be contingent on Scojet vacating their current facility on or before January 15, 2023, creating 15 jobs with a minimum salary of \$40,000/year, and investing \$5,000,000 in the new facility. GIDA also committed to using reasonable efforts to assist the Scojet in obtaining any, if any, eligible State incentives and obtaining expedited permit review by Glynn County.

"I am impressed with the creative approach that the Golden Isles Development Authority (GIDA) staff took to help Scojet and America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia identify solutions for their expansions. The

project required coordination between many parties, resulting in facilities that meet the needs of both organization's growth. This project is an excellent example of the creative approach that GIDA takes to economic development," said Jack Kilgore, Chairman, Board of Governors with GIDA.

About Scojet Inc

Scojet is a product design, precision machining, and international manufacturing company bringing domestic and global manufacturing solutions to entrepreneurs through large OEM manufacturers.

About Second Harvest of South Georgia

Second Harvest of South Georgia is the leading hunger-relief organization in the region and the second-largest food bank in the state. They serve a nearly 12,000 square mile region made up of 26 counties.

About the Golden Isles Development Authority

The Development Authority is the organization that is tasked with the creation of jobs and investment in Glynn County through the retention, expansion, and attraction of business and industry. Their mission is to ensure that Brunswick and Glynn County has a healthy business climate that encourages the growth of existing industries and is an attractive location for prospective businesses

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