

Bedford company set to add 16 positions

A Bedford County company that makes equipment for railroads and the U.S. military is set to expand, with 16 more jobs set to be filled in the coming three years, Gov. Tom Wolf's office announced Wednesday.

In a news release, Wolf's office said Alum Bank-based industrial company Mission Critical Solutions had been offered a series of grants and tax breaks to aid in the new hires, which the company said would be added to 36 existing jobs.

"Not only does this project create new jobs in Bedford County, but it provides for the continued opportunity for this steel manufacturer to serve as a supplier for the U.S. military, which has ripple effects beyond Pennsylvania," Wolf said in a written statement.

Founded in 2008, Mission Critical Solutions provides services to railroads and mining companies, according to its website. Among its most prominent customers, according to federal procurement data, are the Army and Navy.

Government contracts and orders in recent years include sensors, guided missile parts and inert warheads, according to online databases. The company's website lists ground-based sensors and observation systems that can be used by the military or for border control.

"MCS has grown from three employees to over 30 in a span of almost nine years, and our revenues have doubled year-over-year for the past three years," CEO Bob McGowan said in a written statement.

McGowan didn't return a message seeking further comment Wednesday.

Members of the Governor's Action Team — a group that directs state resources to develop business — worked with the Bedford County Development Agency to make the plan. The state proposal includes a \$16,000 grant, a \$16,000 tax credit for new jobs and a \$7,600 payment for job training.



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