

Mission Critical Solutions, LLC Hosts Kick-Off Event for Pennsylvania Small Business Week

Alum Bank, PA – (April 28, 2017) -- -- Mission Critical Solutions, LLC (“MCS”), a full-service fabrication, machining and engineering firm located in Alum Bank, PA (Bedford County) was selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) to host the kick-off event for the state’s celebration of Pennsylvania Small Business Week which runs from April 30 to May 6. Neil Weaver, Executive Deputy Secretary of the PA DCED was in attendance to launch the celebration and shed light on the many local, state, and federal resources available to small businesses.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) uses the annual Small Business Week event as an opportunity to recognize the entrepreneurs and small business owners who have a major impact on the US economy; the SBA reports that over half of all Americans either own or work for small businesses, and they create about two out of three net new jobs in the U.S. each year.

As Bob McGowan, CEO of MCS reported, “Our company has grown from three employees to close to sixty in less than a decade, and our revenues have doubled, year-over-year for the past three years. Mission Critical Solutions’ evolution is driven by a desire to deliver quality products and professional engineering services, using the skills and dedication of local talent and by partnering with other like-minded small businesses in our area. We are thrilled that the PA Department of Community and Economic Development is highlighting MCS’ contribution to the local Bedford County economy.”

Mission Critical Solutions’ President, George Bohrer also noted, “We were honored to have Executive Deputy Secretary Weaver visit our headquarters on April 28 to launch the statewide celebration of Small Business week. As a recent and thankful recipient of a funding proposal from the DCED that was coordinated by the Governor’s Action Team in collaboration with the Bedford County Development Association, we can attest to some of the financial resources available to small businesses who are dedicated to growing Pennsylvania’s workforce. We are also grateful to our employees and many local business partners, some of whom were present at the event, for their continued support of MCS’ growth.”

The kick-off event is the first of a weeklong series of events, trainings, and webinars celebrating small businesses in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Small Business Week is part of the SBA’s national celebration to showcase the role small businesses play across the commonwealth, and to promote the many resources available to aspiring entrepreneurs and small businesses. With 1 million small businesses in the state employing 2.5 million individuals, these companies account for nearly half of Pennsylvania’s private workforce.

“PA Small Business Week celebrates and highlights our small businesses and their vital role in Pennsylvania’s economy, while raising awareness of state and local business resources available to entrepreneurs at all levels. In Pennsylvania, nearly every business is a small business — 99.6 percent. Nationally, the number is even more astounding at 99.9 percent,” said Weaver. “We thank Mission Critical Solutions for hosting us for our kick-off event for Pennsylvania Small Business Week this year. With this annual event, we aim to equip businesses with the knowledge and tools they need to be successful, while hopefully inspiring others who have been on the fence to learn more or take the plunge into starting their own small business. “

About Mission Critical Solutions, LLC

MCS offers a full range of engineering, fabrication, and machining services. The company's quality systems have been certified by both the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to comply with the ISO 9001:2008 quality standard, and by the Association of American Railroads (AAR) to conform with AAR M-1003, a quality standard related to railroad component manufacturers. In addition, all MCS welders are American Welding Society certified. The company manufactures a catalog of close to 1200 component parts and finished goods for rail and tanker car companies. MCS is also proud to supply custom products to various branches of the United States Military and is a proud member of the National Armaments Consortium (NAC) and an Alliance Partner with the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM). Visit www.MissionCriticalSolutions.com for additional information.

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