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Community honors automakers \$380M expansion and 1,620 job creation plans

General Motors Wentzville receives Business Spotlight Award

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO (Dec. 20, 2011) --- The General Motors Assembly Plant in Wentzville, Mo., has been chosen as December's recipient of the monthly Business Spotlight Award from the Economic Development Roundtable of St. Charles County for the automakers' \$380 million expansion plans and the 1,620 new jobs they are creating by 2014.

The E.D. Roundtable is a standing committee of the Economic Development Center (EDC) of St. Charles County with the local cities, St. Charles County Government, and the St. Charles County Department of Workforce Development.

Since the General Motors Assembly Plant opened in Wentzville in 1983, the facility has produced more than 2.3 million vehicles. The plant current builds full-sized vans for commercial clients and recently announced the addition of a new product line, the mid-sized Chevrolet Colorado pick-up truck. To accommodate this new vehicle, GM will be adding 500,000-square-feet to their 467-acre campus in Wentzville and expanding their local employee team to approximately 3,000 in the next few years.

"Wentzville has been proud to be called home to the GM Wentzville Assembly Plant for almost 30 years. GM has been a wonderful corporate citizen and responsible for much of the growth of Wentzville," said the City of Wentzville's Business Development Manager Larry Tucker. "GM's continued commitment to Wentzville comes at a time when it will provide a tremendous boost of confidence for our citizens and businesses," he added.

Each month a different company in St. Charles County is selected for the Business Spotlight Award based on criteria such as investment, economic impact, job growth, civic involvement, and entrepreneurial success.

For more information about General Motors, visit www.gm.com. For information about the EDC's Economic Development Roundtable, call 636-441-6880 or visit www.edcsc.com.



GM Wentzville Plant Manager John Dansby (center with plaque) shown with GM and UAW representatives, Wentzville city officials and members of the Economic Development Roundtable of St. Charles County.

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