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Governor McAuliffe Announces \$30 Million Investment in Frederick County

~American Woodmark Corporation to consolidate headquarters operations and create 55 new jobs~

RICHMOND – Governor Terry McAuliffe today announced that American Woodmark Corporation, a major manufacturer of quality kitchen and bath cabinets for the home, will invest \$30 million to consolidate headquarters operations in Frederick County. Virginia successfully competed for this project, which will retain 377 jobs, in addition to creating 55 new jobs.

“Ensuring companies like American Woodmark Corporation, that are central to the economic strength of a region, have the resources and support to thrive is a top priority for my administration,” **said Governor McAuliffe**. “I congratulate American Woodmark on their headquarters consolidation and commend their decision to stay in Frederick County, retaining 377 valuable jobs and adding 55 more. The company’s success is a testament to the skilled labor and strong business climate of the region, and we will continue to invest in advanced manufacturing, as it is central to diversifying and building a new Virginia economy.”

“American Woodmark established its headquarters in Virginia over 35 years ago, and is a strong example of the success manufacturers can achieve in the Commonwealth,” **said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Todd Haymore**. “With more than 5,500 advanced manufacturing companies in Virginia, supporting existing businesses in this booming sector is essential to growing the new Virginia economy. We look forward to our continued partnership with American Woodmark Corporation as the company grows in the Commonwealth.”

American Woodmark Corporation manufactures and distributes kitchen cabinets and vanities for the remodeling and new home construction markets. The company embodies the marriage of technology, automation and American craftsmanship, proudly offering more than 500 cabinet styles, which are sold through a nationwide network of homebuilders, independent dealers and distributors, as well as Lowe’s and The Home Depot. American Woodmark presently operates nine manufacturing facilities and seven service centers across the country.

Cary Dunston, President and CEO, commented, “At American Woodmark, we truly believe we differentiate ourselves in all we do based on our people and the incredible culture we have built. As part of our 2019 Vision, we have challenged ourselves to take our culture to the next level. As such, I am extremely excited that we will be creating a central corporate office, consolidating four facilities within the Winchester area. By bringing our employees together at one location, we will further strengthen our interpersonal connections, drive efficiency in our day-to-day interactions and greatly enhance our ability to move our culture towards our vision.”

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Frederick County to secure the project for Virginia. Governor McAuliffe approved a \$550,000 grant from the Commonwealth’s Opportunity

Fund to assist the County with the project. The company qualifies for road access funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation. Funding and services to support the company's employee training activities will be provided through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program.

"Frederick County is recognized as a great location for business and careers because of companies like American Woodmark," **said Charles S. DeHaven, Jr., Chair of the Frederick County Board of Supervisors.** "Retaining these valuable jobs and bringing further opportunities for Frederick County residents was an important consideration in competing for this project. We're pleased our relationship with American Woodmark will continue for years to come."

"I am excited that American Woodmark has chosen to consolidate their operations in the Winchester/Frederick County area," **said Delegate Christopher Collins.** "This is a testament to the pro-business environment within the Shenandoah Valley and especially the Winchester/Frederick County community. Attracting businesses to the area has been and continues to be a priority for me in representing the 29th District and this investment is just another great step forward in making the top of Virginia a place to do business. I look forward to working with American Woodmark in further business endeavors in the area."

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