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## ***Three new investments to bring more than 600 jobs to Novi***

**NOVI, Mich.**, December 17, 2008 – New developments – Global Wind Systems, Inc, Kongsberg Automotive, and Novixus, LLC – will bring a combined more than 600 jobs to Novi. The State of Michigan MEGA Board recently approved more than \$11 million in tax credits to these three companies as incentives to create and retain business in Michigan.

**Global Wind Systems, Inc:** A start-up wind turbine generation system OEM will invest more than \$30 million and locate its first facility in Novi. Global Wind will be the first OEM supplier to locate in Michigan and anticipates employing a staff of more than 350. The MEGA Board approved a state tax credit valued at approximately \$7.3 million over nine years to encourage the company's location in Michigan over competing sites in Ohio, Iowa, and Nebraska. Oakland County Works! Will provide employee-training assistance to support the project, and the City of Novi will partner with the Road Commission for Oakland County on future upgrades and widening of Twelve Mile Road to support company operations.

**Kongsberg Automotive:** A global leader in the design, validation and manufacture of motion control and seat systems, arm rests and head restraints for the automotive industry plans to invest \$4.4 million to expand its technical center in Novi. Kongsberg will employ nearly 60 people. An \$875,000 tax credit was approved by the MEGA Board to secure expansion in Michigan over a competing site in Texas.

**Novixus, LLC:** Novixus will build the first national distribution and services center using automated processing of prescriptions for central fill and home delivery in Novi. The company will invest more than \$3 million in a Novi center and will employ a staff of approximately 200. Novixus will receive a \$3.1 million tax credit over seven years. Through the Economic Development Job Training fund, the MEDC will provide an employee-training grant valued at \$63,750.

“These three new organizations represent varying sectors of the business community and are a perfect addition to the growing high tech offerings in Novi,” said Ara Topouzian, Economic Development Manager. “In Novi, all three businesses will have easy access to business partners in a great location. We couldn't be more pleased that they have chosen to locate in Novi.”

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