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GE, others, win Ohio development grants

The Business Courier reported that GE Aviation, Sugar Creek Packing Co. and Thaler Machine Co. are among 10 companies winning more than \$1.5 million in economic developments grants, the Ohio Department of Development announced Monday.

- GE Aviation will receive a \$1 million Rapid Outreach Grant for new machinery and equipment, as part of its \$100 million project at its Evendale headquarters. The jet engine manufacturer will modernize engine and testing facilities, raze some old buildings and reduce its square footage by 1 million square feet to about 5 million square feet. The project is expected to create 5,000 jobs.
- Sugar Creek will receive a \$20,000 Rapid Outreach Grant for new machinery and equipment. The bacon processor, headquartered in Washington Courthouse, Ohio, will expand its warehouse in West Chester, with a \$1.2 million project that will create 50 jobs and retain 75. Sugar Creek also received a \$50,000 Rapid Outreach Grant for a project in Dayton.
- Thaler Machine Co. will receive a \$40,000 Rapid Outreach Grant for its project in Springboro. The manufacturer of precision machine components for the aerospace and automotive industries plans a facility in the Warren County city that will create 35 jobs and retain 76.

The grants in total will create 382 jobs throughout the state, the Ohio Department of Development said in a news release.

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