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PDS Industries + North Huntingdon: Growing Together

PDS Industries is a woman-owned small business that has produced high-quality precision parts supporting the defense and aerospace industry for more than 60 years. Relocating to North Huntingdon in 1972, PDS Industries has created and continues to possess an experienced and highly-skilled labor force. Currently, they employ 116 people with an average experience of 20 years in manufacturing. PDS Industries has received a number of recognitions and awards, including a nomination for the Governor's Manufacturer of the Year in 2014.

PDS continues to grow in North Huntingdon. Over the last five years, PDS has been able to spend more than two million dollars improving their facilities, and has budgeted to spend an additional two million dollars by 2020 in capital investments. Bob Perkins, President of PDS Industries, projects that the company can expect a continued growth of 5-8 percent each year, for the next five years.

"We're looking to expand into the commercial market, and have plans to move forward within the next few months," said Perkins.

PDS Industries enjoys investing in North Huntingdon's relationship-based community and remains one of their principal commitments. Company leadership invests in a variety of youth technology programs and encourages higher education and vocational institutions to establish curriculum that innovates and drives the future of the manufacturing industry. Perkins noted "the manufacturing business is a tight-knit community and North Huntingdon is a great place for that..."

Even when faced with new regulations, PDS Industries and North Huntingdon Township maintain a healthy and successful relationship. Perkins commented, "regulations change, but the Township is always very helpful, very reasonable. They work with you...and that's a plus."

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