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GARMIN SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES PRESENCE IN OREGON
Company grows through expansion in Salem and acquisition in Newport, Ore.

SALEM, Ore. _ Garmin International Inc., one of the most recognized names in the Global Positioning System (GPS) market, recently announced plans to expand its subsidiary facility, Garmin AT, located in Salem. In addition to the expansion of existing facilities, Garmin also has recently announced the acquisition of the assets of Nautamatic Marine Systems, Inc. located in Newport, Ore.

“Garmin AT has been a strong economic and community partner for the state of Oregon and I am pleased to see its expansion in the Salem area,” said Governor Ted Kulongoski.

“They are creating high-wage, skilled jobs for Oregonians.”

Garmin AT plans to complete the expansion of its main facility by 2008. The expansion project, which will add 54,000 square feet to the existing facility, will more than double the current office and engineering lab space. These new facilities will be dedicated to the design, development and manufacturing of Garmin’s aviation products. Garmin AT currently employs approximately 190 people and projects that by December 2010 that figure will double.

“We have already experienced great success with entry-level workers graduating from Oregon State University and Oregon Institute of Technology,” said Garmin AT’s General Manager John Macnab. “The quality of the individuals that we are seeing coming from the local market has been fantastic.” Garmin is currently in the process of hiring highly skilled individuals to staff the expanded facility.

Garmin also has expanded its presence into Newport, Ore., with the recent acquisition of the assets of Nautamatic Marine Systems, Inc., manufacturer of the TR-1 Gold and Gladiator

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marine autopilots. All of Nautamatic's 28 employees have joined Garmin International, Inc., and will be based in the same locations previously occupied by Nautamatic's facilities in Newport, Ore., and Dania Beach, Fla.

Oregon is continually attracting employers that require highly skilled workers. Other well known high-tech companies located throughout the state include Intel, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, and Xerox to name a few. This culture and environment has enabled Oregon to continue attracting other high-tech companies as well as fostering growth within existing businesses.

About Salem, Oregon

Salem, the capital city of Oregon and its second largest city, lies in the center of the lush Willamette River valley, 47 miles from Portland. Businesses in Salem benefit from the economic diversity of the region. Salem's parks, festivals, events, sports venues, vibrant downtown, riverfront access and arts attract people of all ages. The Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) in Salem is the lead economic development agency for Marion and Polk counties. Salem offers a wide array of restaurants, hotels and tourist attractions, ranging from historic sites and museums to events that appeal to a wide variety of interests - from sports tournaments to arts fairs, theater and music.

About Garmin International Inc.

Garmin International, Inc. is a member of the Garmin Ltd. group of companies which designs, manufactures, markets, and sells navigation, communication and information devices and applications -- most of which are enabled by GPS technology. Garmin is a leader in consumer and general aviation navigation and its products serve the automotive/mobile, outdoor/fitness, marine, and aviation markets. Garmin Ltd. is incorporated in the Cayman Islands, and its principal subsidiaries are located in the United States, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit Garmin's virtual press room at www.garmin.com/pressroom or contact the media relations department at 913-397-8200. Garmin is a registered trademark of Garmin Ltd. or its subsidiaries.

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