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Mayor expresses concern for Regal-Beloit employees

Today Regal-Beloit's corporate offices announced that the company will close its Springfield facility and transfer motor and component manufacturing to other Regal facilities in the US and Mexico.

The Regal-Beloit facility on East Sunshine is the last manufacturer of its products remaining in the United States.

"Our hearts go out to the employees who are losing these jobs," said Mayor Bob Stephens. "I have visited the plant on several occasions and they have some of the finest manufacturing employees in the country."

The City of Springfield's Department of Workforce Development offers a variety of services for dislocated workers.

In instances such as these when a company closes, the department offers Rapid Response services to the affected workers at Missouri Career Center locations. Types of services include re-training, assistance with filing for unemployment benefits and workshops to assist with money management due to job loss, job preparation, resume development, counseling and online application assistance.

"Probably one of the most important services offered is labor market information which assists affected workers to make career decisions," says Mary Ann Rojas, City of Springfield Workforce Development Director. "Proper planning is key in these situations and the Missouri Career Center has qualified staff to help."

An online service called O'net provides information on occupation, the demand for the job and the types of education, skill and experience required.

Additionally, workers losing their jobs due to companies relocating to other countries may qualify for expanded services, such as re-location and needs-related payments when necessary.

For more information about these services, call 417-887-4343 or visit www.ozarksjobpath.org or www.jobs.mo.gov.

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