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SBA selects Multicraft International for Made in America after nomination by BankPlus

By Katie White

Multicraft International has been growing and innovating for 44 years, with its original debut in 1978. The Mississippi Southeast region of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) selected Multicraft International and BankPlus for Made in America this past year.

Andrew Mallinson, Chief Executive Officer at Multicraft International, who is originally from England, acquired ownership of Multicraft in 1991. The company had been owned by two previous owners, the first of which was Ford Motor company.

There are four operations of Multicraft International, and they are all located in Pelahatchie. Multicraft International, with its 115 employees, produces automotive braking, engine parts, heating and cooling, lighting and interior and electronic systems. Beyond the automobile, they have taken their expertise and



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Multicraft International Technologies building

applied it to outdoor power equipment, commercial HVAC, industrial products and more.

Made in America is part of the charge under President Biden's Build America, Buy America initiative. Biden's initiative to buy American products and raise

the domestic content threshold - in conjunction with the recently signed Bipartisan Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act - was implemented in hopes of providing infrastructure and global competitiveness in the U.S.

SBA's Region IV Administrator, Allen Thomas, in his commitment to support small businesses manufacturing goods and products made in America, recent-

ly surveyed the SBA districts in the Southeast United States - Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee - to determine and recognize firms creating impact through manufacturing efforts in their local communities.

"Small manufacturing businesses have a vast opportunity for substantial local contracts, under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal. The SBA, along with the Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) are here to get local businesses set up and ready to compete for these contracts. Aside from the bill, the U.S. government is the largest buyer of goods and services in the world. Small businesses are entitled to 23% of the government's annual spending budget. The government purchases billions of dollars annually from small businesses across the country," said Thomas.

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The return of Muscadine Jubilee on September 17

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The Town has been planning and getting ready for the community and visitors that will attend the Muscadine Jubilee on September 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As with many events during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Muscadine Jubilee was canceled and has been for the last two years. To gain momentum, the Town feels a need to start over in a sense - renewing relationships and hopefully gaining new relationships with vendors, entertainers, organizations and businesses, artists of all kinds and product sellers. Currently, more food vendors are needed.

Admission to the event is \$5. Children six years and under will be admitted at no charge. The \$5 admission allows you into the park where there will be fun for the kids, vendor booths, grape stomping, and live entertainment by Miles Flatt and Backroads Reunion.

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Miles Flatt band



Backroads Reunion band

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