

Allison Transmission to Build Advanced Vehicle Environmental Test Facility in Indianapolis

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Vehicle Environmental Test facility to provide unique value to Allison partners

INDIANAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 28, 2019-- Allison Transmission, a global leader in medium- and heavy-duty fully automatic transmissions for commercial vehicles, is investing in a new vehicle testing facility that will facilitate further innovation in the industry.

"Industries around the globe depend on Allison Automatics to power highly specialized vehicles that must perform under all kinds of extreme conditions," said David Graziosi, President and CEO of Allison Transmission. "The Vehicle Environmental Test facility will provide Allison engineers with enhanced capabilities to conduct testing replicating vehicle environments and duty cycles."

This facility is to be located on the campus of Allison's global headquarters on the westside of Indianapolis. It will include two environmental chambers capable of simulating temperature extremes, altitude, and on-road conditions that will allow testing for regulatory compliance, on-board diagnostic development, and performance improvements for vehicle functional optimization. The Vehicle Environmental Test facility will further support testing for a wide-range of propulsion systems, including conventional powertrains, alternative fuel, electric hybrid and fully-electric vehicles.

"In an increasingly competitive marketplace, Indiana stands out as a leader in advanced manufacturing thanks to companies like Allison Transmission that are continuing to push new innovations forward that will serve customers across the globe while supporting efforts to attract, develop and retain top talent here," said Elaine Bedel, president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "With this significant investment and commitment to Indiana, Allison Transmission is demonstrating once again they are a key player in Indiana's high-tech success."

The facility will be one of a few in the United States, and the only one of its kind in the Midwest. Additionally, when the facility is not in use by Allison, third parties will be able to utilize the chamber for their own testing, adding another benefit. Project planning for the Vehicle Environmental Test facility has begun and is scheduled for completion in 2020.

"Allison Transmission has long been a significant asset to the city of Indianapolis," said Joe Hogsett, Mayor of Indianapolis. "We are pleased to work with such a community-minded company as they grow within our city and look forward to the benefits this investment in innovation will bring to Indianapolis, the industry, and even the world."

Allison Transmission is very proud of its heritage and being headquartered in Speedway for over 103 years. "Allison Transmission has been a strong partner to the Town of Speedway since our inception, and their history is woven throughout the fabric of our community," said Town of Speedway Council President Eileen Fisher. "From day one, Allison has been on the cutting edge of innovation and we are so proud that they have chosen to expand the footprint of their international operations right here in Speedway."

About Allison Transmission

Allison Transmission (NYSE: ALSN) is the world's largest manufacturer of fully automatic transmissions for medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles. Allison transmissions are used in a variety of applications including refuse, construction, fire, distribution, bus, motorhomes, defense and energy. Founded in 1915, the company is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA and employs approximately 2,900 people worldwide. With a market presence in more than 80 countries, Allison has regional headquarters in the Netherlands, China and Brazil with manufacturing facilities in the U.S., Hungary and India. Allison also has approximately 1,400 independent distributor and dealer locations worldwide. For more information, visit allisontransmission.com.

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