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RIGID INDUSTRIAL GROUP ANNOUNCES 200 NEW JOBS AND $20 MILLION INVESTMENT IN 2026: PLANS 250 MORE JOBS AND $40 MILLION EXPANSION IN 2027.

NEW NORMAN FACILITY AND REVITALIZATION OF NOBLE MANUFACTURING PROPERTY VACANT FOR MORE THAN 12 YEARS HIGHLIGHT RIGID'S COUNTYWIDE GROWTH; PROPOSED EXPANSION WOULD SUPPORT $121.6 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AT FULL STAFFING.

Cleveland County, Oklahoma. RIGID Industrial Group, an Oklahoma-based provider of advanced manufacturing, industrial automation, electrical systems and specialized fabrication, announced 80 new employees at their recently completed 50,000 square foot Norman Headquarters as well as 120 new employees at their refurbished 170,000 square foot facility in Noble. Having more than doubled their workforce in the last 12 months, they anticipate they will double yet again in the next 18 months, pending their purchase of 18 acres in the Norman Business Park later this month. On land owned by the Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition, they intend to build five 50,000 square foot facilities and hire 250 additional employees at an average salary of $100,000.



The Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition (CCEDC) celebrated the grand opening of the company's new Norman facility, its plans for additional investment and the successful return to production of a long-vacant manufacturing facility in Noble with more than 80 guests, dignitaries, and elected officials in attendance. The expansion reflects RIGID's evolution from its origins in Oklahoma's energy industry into a diversified industrial group serving manufacturing, power generation, data infrastructure, utilities, and other demanding industrial markets.

With operations in Norman, Noble, and Oklahoma City, RIGID brings together capabilities that are increasingly important to some of the nation's fastest-growing industries: custom fabrication, industrial control systems, electrical infrastructure, equipment integration, and specialized field services. RIGID currently employs or contracts with approximately 600 people across Oklahoma. "RIGID exemplifies the entrepreneurial vision, innovation, and industrial expertise that are shaping Cleveland County's economic future," said Lawrence McKinney, President and CEO of the Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition. "This is an Oklahoma company that has developed extraordinary capabilities, earned the confidence of major industries, and continues to invest in our communities. Its expansion in Norman and Noble is about more than buildings and jobs. It is about strengthening our manufacturing base, creating opportunities for other Oklahoma businesses, and demonstrating that companies headquartered right here in Cleveland County can compete and succeed on a national stage. The opportunities ahead are extraordinary, and we want every business with the ambition to grow to know that Cleveland County is ready to help them seize those opportunities."



Lawrence McKinney, President and CEO, CCEDC

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RIGID Industrial Group provides integrated industrial services through its automation, fabrication, electrical, and field service operations. Its capabilities include manufacturing industrial control panels, fabricating specialized metal structures and equipment, installing and integrating complex electrical systems, and supporting industrial facilities requiring precision, reliability, and rapid project delivery. These services are particularly relevant to the growing demand for power, automation, and manufactured infrastructure associated with data centers, advanced manufacturing, and other large-scale industrial developments.



Kevin Metheny, CEO and Founder RIGID Industrial Group

"RIGID's growth has always been driven by our people, our ability to solve difficult problems and our willingness to invest in the capabilities our customers need," said **Kevin Metheny, CEO and Founder of RIGID Industrial Group**. "Norman and Noble are important parts of our long-term strategy. We are proud to continue building our operations here, creating opportunities for skilled Oklahoma workers and demonstrating that companies based in this region can compete for major projects across the country.

TWO COMMUNITIES, ONE GROWING INDUSTRIAL OPERATION

The new Norman facility provides additional space and capabilities to support RIGID's expanding industrial operations. In Noble, RIGID purchased a previous manufacturing facility (United Design) in July 2026, which had been vacant for more than 12 years. Operations have been underway for several months, returning a long-idle industrial property to productive use and underscoring the value of Noble's manufacturing assets and skilled workforce. The revitalized facility is an active part of RIGID's Cleveland County operations, not a future project. A preliminary economic contribution analysis estimates that current operations in Norman and Noble support



Phil Freeman, Mayor, City of Noble

approximately $84.2 million in annual gross economic activity within Cleveland County, including modeled supplier and household-spending effects.

“For more than a decade, this manufacturing facility sat empty. Today, thanks to RIGID Industrial Group’s investment, it is once again a place where Oklahoma workers are putting their skills to work and contributing to industries across the country,” said Phil Freeman, Mayor of Noble**.** “This is exactly the kind of opportunity we have been working to create in Noble, bringing existing industrial assets back to life, supporting skilled jobs, and building a stronger economic future for our community. We are proud that RIGID recognized the potential here, and even prouder of the people whose hard work is making this investment a success. It demonstrates what our communities can accomplish when we work together.”



Jacob McHughes, County Commissioner

“RIGID’s expansion is an investment in Cleveland County’s future,” said Jacob McHughes, County Commissioner, who represents RIGID in District 2. “Restoring manufacturing at a long-vacant Noble facility, alongside new jobs and continued investment in Norman, showcases the economic potential across our county. We are proud to help create an environment where Oklahoma businesses grow, skilled workers thrive, and communities share in that success.” On behalf of Cleveland County Commission Chairman Rusty Grissom and District 1 County Commissioner Rod Cleveland, we congratulate Kevin Metheny and the entire RIGID team on this exciting milestone.”

“Industrial growth does not stop at city limits,” McKinney added. “Our ONE County strategy is about connecting the strengths of our communities, helping Oklahoma companies expand and turning individual business successes into opportunities for the entire region.”

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND ONE COMPANY

The expansion will also strengthen the region’s supplier base. As industrial markets evolve, companies across Cleveland County and the surrounding region have opportunities to apply existing capabilities in fabrication, machining, electrical systems, industrial maintenance, automation and other specialized services to new customers and markets.

"One of our greatest opportunities is to help more Oklahoma companies recognize where their expertise fits into these emerging industries," McKinney said. "When a company like RIGID grows, our objective is not simply to celebrate that success. It is to help create the conditions for more companies to grow alongside it, developing our workforce, connecting suppliers, and building a stronger regional industrial economy."

CCEDC is strengthening countywide business retention and expansion, supplier connections and workforce development to help existing employers identify growth opportunities, overcome barriers to investment and build long-term competitiveness. RIGID's success is just one example of the innovation, talent, and entrepreneurial ambition driving Cleveland County forward. With new industries emerging, established companies expanding, and communities working together, the momentum is building. The next great Oklahoma success story could be yours, and Cleveland County is ready to help you write it.

About RIGID Industrial Group
Headquartered in Norman, Oklahoma, RIGID Industrial Group provides integrated automation, fabrication, electrical, and field services for manufacturing, energy, power generation, data infrastructure, and other industrial markets. The company's capabilities include custom industrial control panels, design-building engineering, precision fabrication, welding, industrial electrical systems, and specialized field support.
Learn more at **www.rigid-ig.com**.

About the Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition
The Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition (CCEDC) advances economic opportunity throughout Cleveland County through business retention and expansion, business attraction, workforce development, entrepreneurship, and collaboration among public- and private-sector partners. Its countywide approach connects communities, employers, and resources to support investment, quality jobs, and long-term economic competitiveness.
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