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GOVERNOR LEE, COMMISSIONER ROLFE ANNOUNCE NEW SELECT TENNESSEE CERTIFIED SITES

- *Four sites completed the requirements for certification*
- *61 sites have now been certified through the program*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe today announced four new Select Tennessee Certified Sites.

Launched in 2012, the Select Tennessee program helps communities prepare industrial sites for private investment and job creation. The program sets rigorous standards to give companies detailed and reliable information during the site selection process.

Sixty-one sites across Tennessee have been certified. The newest certified sites and their local sponsoring agencies include:

[Crockett County Industrial](#) – Friendship/Bivens Site – Crockett County Government
[Manchester Industrial Park](#) – Industrial Board of Coffee County TN, Inc.
[Hardin Industrial Complex](#) – Phase II – City of Greeneville
[Commerce Park Interstate Site](#) – Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce

To date, 23 companies have invested over \$1.8 billion in capital investment to construct facilities on certified sites, accounting for more than 7,200 new job commitments.

The Select Tennessee certification process ensures that each certified site meets high quality standards. Qualifications for certification include having at least 20 acres of developable land for industrial operations, documented environmental conditions and geotechnical analysis, existing onsite utilities or a formal plan to extend utilities to the site, and truck-quality road access.

The Select Tennessee suite of programs – including the Property Evaluation Program and the Site Development Grant program – ensures that Tennessee sites are primed for development, whether through marketing sites that are ready for prospective businesses or providing local communities guidance and funding to achieve a higher level of preparedness.

TNECD has partnered with Austin Consulting to administer the certified sites program.

Communities interested in participating in the program must begin the formal application process by sending their letter of intent to Select.Tennessee@tn.gov. More information about the program can be found [here](#).

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“Congratulations to the four communities that have met the rigorous requirements in this round of the Select Tennessee Certified Sites program. By utilizing this program, these communities will be better positioned to recruit new businesses and jobs. I applaud them for fostering economic growth in their communities and look forward to seeing their future success.” –

Governor Bill Lee

“One of the first things we are asked when we are recruiting new and expanding business to our state is if we have shovel-ready sites. With the assistance of Select Tennessee Certified Site program, we are giving opportunities for communities across the state to be better prepared for economic growth. I congratulate the four communities and look forward to seeing what is in store for them in the future. – **TNECD Commissioner Bob Rolfe**

“The State of Tennessee is widely recognized by site selectors and corporate leaders as a low tax, business friendly location. The Select Tennessee Certified Sites program helps connect prospective job creators to high-quality sites where they can locate, grow, and support local communities.” – **Austin Consulting Location Consultant Charles Slife**

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About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development’s mission is to develop strategies that help make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs.

To grow and strengthen Tennessee, the department seeks to attract new corporate investment to the state and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth.

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