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## **Toyota Technical Center USA Expansion Moving Forward to Create 400 Jobs in Michigan**

LANSING — Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today announced that the Toyota Technical Center USA, Inc., has completed a land sale agreement with the State of Michigan that will result in the company creating 400 new 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs and investing a \$150 million in Michigan by 2010.

Toyota Technical Center, a division of Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America, closed on the \$11 million purchase agreement with the State of Michigan last Friday for the approximately 700-acre parcel located in York Township near Ann Arbor.

Toyota Technical Center USA, Inc. will maintain operations at its current Ann Arbor campus and the York Township property will serve as a second campus for the technical center. It will allow for immediate and future expansion for Toyota North America engineering, vehicle development and research operations. The company's expansion is designed to complement Toyota's increased localization and growth of manufacturing and sales in North America.

"The Toyota Technical Center expansion is a shining example of our success in going anywhere, doing anything to bring jobs to Michigan," Granholm said. "We believe Toyota's continued investment in our state reaffirms that Michigan is the number one state for automotive research and design, and this agreement is just another example of how our highly skilled workforce is attracting and growing jobs right here at home.

"We are putting the world on notice that we will fight for every job in Michigan," Granholm said.

In January Granholm took the rare and exceptional step of asking the Michigan Supreme Court to expedite the resolution of a lawsuit challenging the sale of state-owned property in Washtenaw County to Toyota Technical Center USA, Inc. In an executive message to the Court, Granholm said resolution of the constitutional challenge to a law authorizing the property sale was of such importance that it required a final resolution as quickly as possible. Within a month, the Supreme Court acted on the Governor's request and issued a ruling supporting the state's sale of the York Township property to Toyota Technical Center.

Lisa Webb Sharpe, director of Management and Budget, said, "Toyota Technical Center represents the best value to the State of Michigan. We are so pleased when we can return surplus state property back to the tax rolls and spur additional economic development growth in a region. It is a win for Toyota, a win for the local community, and a win for the state. We call that moving forward."

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