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**BENDIX SOLAR INSTALLATION EARNS 2022 INDIANA
GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE**

*Indiana Department of Environmental Management Recognizes Solar Array at
Huntington Manufacturing Plant in Category of Energy Efficiency/Renewable Resources*

AVON, Ohio – Sept. 22, 2022 – A year after coming on-line, the 1.168-megawatt solar installation at the Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) manufacturing operation in Huntington, Indiana, has earned another high-profile recognition – this one from its own home state. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) chose the Bendix solar project to receive the 2022 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in the category of Energy Efficiency/Renewable Resources.

Bendix accepted the award on Sept. 21 at a ceremony in Indianapolis, Indiana. Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Energy named the Bendix solar effort a 2022 Better Project Award winner in the department's Better Plants program.

The annual Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management are Indiana's most prestigious environmental recognition awards. They are reserved for the most innovative, sustainable, and exemplary programs or projects that positively impact the state's environment and demonstrate measurable environmental, economic, and social benefits. The selection process is highly competitive, and only one award in each of the seven categories is chosen.

"We're pleased that our efforts in Huntington have earned the respected distinction of a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence," said Maria Gutierrez, Bendix director of corporate responsibility and sustainability. "Our goal when we came on-line in August 2021 was

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to reduce Bendix's carbon footprint while also saving costs. With the installation's help, we're succeeding, as it's meeting about 30% of the energy needs at the massive Plant 1 manufacturing facility on the campus. Beyond that, we forecast it will decrease the carbon footprint of the Huntington operation by 19% and Bendix's carbon footprint across North America by 3%. To be recognized by the home state of our operation is especially meaningful."

The Energy Efficiency/Renewable Resources category of the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence is for projects or programs that prevent pollution by either reducing energy use or by producing energy using zero- or very-low-emission technologies. It includes efforts to significantly increase the energy efficiency of buildings or equipment, the use of environmentally benign energy production technologies, and/or the use of innovative technologies that will reduce dependence upon energy sources that generate high emissions.

Arrayed for the Future

"The solar array is Bendix's first, and it produces electricity through 2,612 450-watt panels," said Bill Schubert, Bendix corporate manager, environmental and sustainability. "During normal hours of operation at the plant, the facility will use all the energy generated. But during nonworking hours like weekends and holidays, Bendix will be able to send excess energy back to the electrical grid. This process will increase the utility's green energy and reduce Bendix's utility costs."

Indianapolis-based PSG Energy Group managed construction of the array. When completed, the array was the largest on-site solar installation in Huntington County. At full capacity, the solar project produces 1.5 million kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, delivering an estimated \$140,000 in electric utility savings yearly.

Bendix is the North American leader in the design, development, and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking solutions for commercial vehicles. It is a subsidiary of Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse. The solar project is a key element of the company's overall climate strategy. And over the past decade, Bendix has pursued and adopted the environmental strategies of its parent company, the global market leader for braking systems and a leading supplier of other rail and commercial vehicle systems.

With the Huntington installation, Bendix expects to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in line with its long-term sustainability goals. Key among them is the 2020 commitment by Bendix and Knorr-Bremse to cut CO₂ emissions in half by 2030. Additionally, in 2021, Knorr-Bremse ramped up efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by maximizing renewable energy purchases and offsetting energy use. Toward that end, over the past two years, the company has significantly exceeded its climate target of reducing CO₂ emissions by 4.2% each year.

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The next sustainability milestone for Bendix is nearing: the installation of two solar arrays at the Acuña, Mexico, manufacturing campus – each generating 1,000 megawatt-hours of electricity annually and reducing the campus CO₂ emissions from the 2018 baseline by 13%. This project is on track to be on-line in 2023.

About Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of Knorr-Bremse, develops and supplies leading-edge active safety technologies, energy management solutions, and air brake charging and control systems and components under the Bendix® brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses, and other commercial vehicles throughout North America. An industry pioneer, employing more than 4,400 people, Bendix – and its wholly owned subsidiary, R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc. – is driven to deliver the best solutions for improved vehicle safety, performance, and overall operating cost. Contact us at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725) or visit bendix.com. Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at knowledge-dock.com. Follow Bendix on Twitter at twitter.com/Bendix_CVS. Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at brake-school.com. And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit bendix.com/careers.

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