

## Powertrain Efforts Are Coming to Fruition

Producing better vehicles for a demanding marketplace means spending money.

To that end, GM will invest nearly \$332 million in four manufacturing sites to produce more fuel-efficient engines and transmissions.

This, GM officials said, demonstrates GM's "commitment to deliver what customers want: technology-driven performance and fewer trips to the pump."

The investments – announced April 4 at GM plants in Flint, Bay City, Toledo, and Bedford, Ind. – will support production of a new Ecotec small gas engine, a new V6 engine, 8-speed transmission, and tooling for an existing 6-speed transmission.

GM also is increasing previously announced powertrain investment in plants in Romulus and Saginaw to \$646 million – an increase of \$46 million – to support production of the new V6 engine.

Since 2009, GM has announced nearly \$1.8 billion of investments for the six powertrain facilities.

"We are investing in technologies and manufacturing capabilities that produce high-quality, fuel-efficient vehicles and components for our customers," said Diana Tremblay, vice president of GM North American Manufacturing.

"Today's announcement demonstrates GM's commitment to growing the business and strengthening the plant communities where we receive so much support."

Combined, the two investments will retain about 1,650 jobs at the six facilities.

"The selection of these plants and the opportunity for the United Auto Workers to build the next generation of engines and transmissions reflects the great efforts of our workforce," said UAW Vice President Joe Ashton, who directs the union's GM department.

"This investment goes a long way to ensuring GM remains a marketplace leader and our members can continue to support and share in the company's growth."

GM's newly announced \$331.8 million investment includes \$215 million in Flint Engine Operations for a new small Ecotec gasoline engine, which is part of a new family of engines that includes 3- and 4-cylinder variants with displacements ranging from 1.0 to 1.5 liters.

Details of what variants the plant will build will be announced later. The plant will also upgrade tooling for its current V6 engine.

GM is putting \$55.7 million in Toledo Transmission Operations for increased capacity and tooling to produce an all-new, advanced 8-speed automatic transmission and an existing 6-speed 8-speed will be used in numerous GM vehicles by the end of 2016.

The company is spending \$31.7 million in Bay City Powertrain, including \$19.2 million to produce components for a new V6 engine and \$12.5 million to produce components for the small Ecotec gasoline engine.

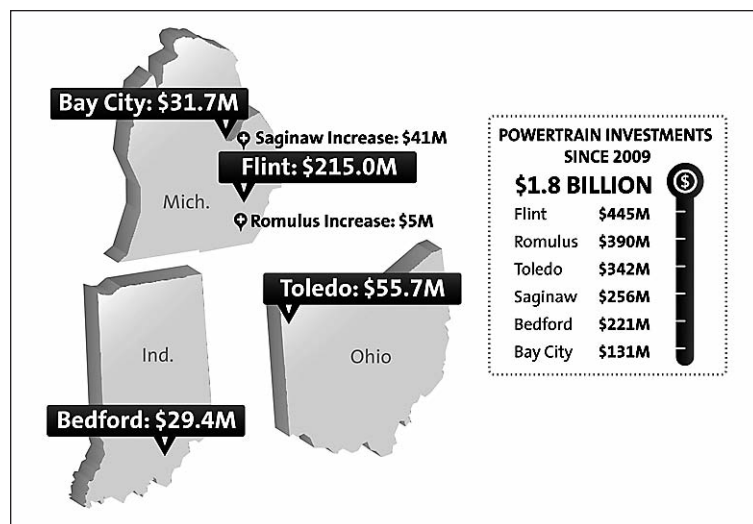
And \$29.4 million is being invested in Bedford Castings, including \$19 million to produce compo-

nents for the small gas engine and \$10.4 million to produce components for the new 8-speed and existing 6-speed transmissions.

The additional \$46 million brings the total to \$646 million for the V6 project, including a \$41 million increase to \$256 million for Saginaw Metal Castings Operations to produce castings for the new V6 engine.

GM also makes a \$5 million increase to \$390 million for Romulus Engine Operations to build the new V6 engines.

The new small Ecotec gasoline engine is part of a global engine family that could top 2 million engines a year by the end of the decade, based on production in Flint and other locations around the world. The new engines, say GM officials, will offer improved fuel economy, higher quality, bet-



GM will invest \$331.8 million in facilities for new engines and transmissions, as well as adding to previously announced plant improvements.

ter performance and reduced carbon dioxide emissions.

The 8-speed automatic transmission, GM says, will assist in

improved fuel economy and performance. Details about the new V6 engine program will be announced later.

## Chrysler to Hold Supplier Training May 6-10

Chrysler has invited all its suppliers to its first 2013 Supplier Training Week (STW) May 6-10 at Chrysler's world headquarters in Auburn Hills.

The training, Chrysler officials say, is designed to enhance the lines of communication between the automaker and its suppliers, improve efficiency and quality, and help build a solid working relationship.

"Suppliers Training Week is our suppliers' opportunity to come in to our facility, to meet on a face-to-face basis with our

purchasing and supplier quality teams, and to get some great training to help them work within our processes and systems," said Chrysler Corporate Communications Manager Katie Hepler.

STW will offer 94 instructor-led training sessions in the areas of purchasing, risk management, engineering, quality, supply chain management, manufacturing, Mopar, materials engineering and finance.

To register for Supplier Training Week, visit the website at [Chrysler.Portal.Covisint.com](http://Chrysler.Portal.Covisint.com) or

[www.ChryslerTraining.com](http://www.ChryslerTraining.com). Regular registration at \$100 will close on May 2.

Walk-in registrations will be accepted during training week at a fee of \$150.

Chrysler will provide daily meal vouchers with each registration, and will also offer with each registration a \$25 Mopar service voucher, which can be used toward the purchase of a service or product, such as an oil change or Mopar part, at any participating Chrysler dealership.

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