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Krazy Glue manufacturer Toagosei America Inc. plans new facility in West Jefferson



Applicator tips and caps circle around to line up for assembly with bottles at the Krazy Glue plant in West Jefferson, where manufacturer Toagosei America is plotting a new facility.

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A manufacturer best known for its Krazy Glue brand is planning a new location in West Jefferson.

Toagosei America Inc. wants to establish an acrylic polymer manufacturing facility for battery markets, according to a scope of work document from the state of Ohio. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority recently approved a seven-year, 1.3% Job Creation Tax Credit for the project. The credit has an estimated value of \$245,000.

The company expects to create 50 full-time jobs, generating \$3 million in new annual payroll by the end of 2028. Toagosei would also retain 47 employees who work at the manufacturer's existing facility at 1450 W. Main St. in West Jefferson. Those positions generate \$2.5 million in payroll.

The new plant, to be located at 7370 U.S. 40, would support Toagosei's goal of creating a product used as a binder in electrodes for lithium ion batteries, according to the state. The site is less than a mile from the company's current building, where it has been since 1994.

It's unclear if Toagosei is relocating or adding a new facility in West Jefferson. The company did not respond to a request for comment.

The state requires Toagosei to maintain operations at the new project location for at least 10 years, according to the scope of work document.

Toagosei is a global manufacturer of commodity chemicals, polymer, oligomer, adhesive material and performance chemicals serving industries such as automotive, electronics and 3D printing. It is part of Toagosei Group, a chemical product company founded in Japan in 1944.

In addition to instant Krazy Glue, Toagosei makes industrial super glue under the name Aron Alpha, as well as hot melts, solvent adhesives and UV curable resin.

Along with Toagosei, other companies that were awarded tax credits for Central Ohio projects this week include Cenovus Energy subsidiary Husky Marketing and Supply Co., Sarnova, CyrusOne and Nuvo Packaging.