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**City of Vernon Leadership and CR Laurence Break Ground on Manufacturing Facility in Vernon**

***300,000 Square Foot Building will Bring Hundreds of New Jobs to Vernon***



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Leadership from the City of Vernon joined with representatives from CR Laurence Co. and Oltmans Construction Co. to break ground on a large new manufacturing facility in the City of Vernon. The building will add an additional 300,000 square feet to CR Laurence's presence in Vernon, and will mean hundreds of new jobs when the facility opens in the first quarter of 2011. The construction of the facility will also bring approximately 250 construction jobs over the course of the project.

CR Laurence has been an important part of Vernon's vibrant business community since 1961, and has grown into an international presence with thirty locations worldwide. The company is a leading supplier to the glazing, railing, architectural, construction, industrial and automotive industries.

"At a time when the region is losing manufacturing and business jobs at unprecedented rates, the City of Vernon is proud that the City of Vernon has continued to be an economic engine in the region, with businesses like CR Laurence expanding and providing valuable jobs," said Vernon Mayor Hilario "Larry" Gonzales.

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