



**HID Global Selects Austin for North American Operations Center;
Investment Creates 276 jobs**

*Collaboration between local and state level government and the Austin Chamber of Commerce
secures investment*

October 17, 2012, AUSTIN —Today, [HID Global](#), a worldwide leader in secure identity solutions, announced that the Company will combine its manufacturing and distribution operations in North America and create a new, Genuine HID Operations Center for North America in Austin. The [Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce](#) has worked closely with HID Global executives since the beginning of this year to facilitate the expansion.

This new location will include construction of a 200,000 square foot operations center on approximately 20 acres, with a total capital investment of \$35 million. The project will create 276 jobs over the next 10 years.

The facility will include a high-tech manufacturing operation that will produce HID Global's secure identity products for enterprise and government customers.

"We are thrilled that HID Global has chosen to locate their new operations center here in Austin. The Company has a worldwide reputation for innovation, quality and excellence – a perfect fit for our vibrant, growing community," said Gary Farmer Chairman of [Opportunity Austin](#); a five-county economic development initiative aimed at fostering job-creating investment in the Austin region. "This is an excellent example of the strong collaboration we have here in Austin between the city, Travis County and the State of Texas. We look forward to HID Global's continued success here in Austin."

Manufacturing activities will include assembly operations, offset printing and programming. In addition to manufacturing, the site will also include warehousing and shipping, as well as offices for regional management, customer service, engineering, purchasing and quality.

“Austin is an ideal location for investing in the construction of our new state-of-the-art facility, thanks to its business-friendly climate,” Rodney Glass, HID Global senior vice president of Global Quality and Operations said. “The greater Austin area represents a robust resource base of people and services that will provide an excellent platform for scaling our operations to support the future growth of our business.”

“This announcement reflects the strength of our local economy. The diverse set of jobs this project will create make it an ideal fit for Austin,” said Mayor Lee Leffingwell. “The City of Austin expects a positive local impact of \$2.3 million over a 10-year period. We look forward to a positive and long lasting relationship with HID Global as they make Austin their new home.”

The Austin Chamber of Commerce supported this new investment project via collaboration with key executives from HID Global, City of Austin, State of Texas and Travis County. In September, the City of Austin approved a grant over a 10-year period, for an incentive estimated at \$920,576; and on October 2nd Travis County announced the approval of \$745,000 in tax incentives for HID Global for 10 years. Last month the State of Texas announced HID Global’s selection for a \$1.9 million Texas Enterprise Fund grant. All state, county and city incentives are performance based.

“Employers know they can come to Texas to create jobs and opportunity because we’ve kept our taxes low and regulations predictable, and made sure our courts are fair and our workforce is skilled and educated,” Gov. Perry said. “This TEF investment will create a job and livelihood for more than 230 Texans, and adds HID Global to the long list of world class employers that have chosen to do business in Austin.”

About the Chamber

The mission of the Austin Chamber of Commerce is to provide leadership that facilitates the creation of a prosperous regional economy and effective advocacy for its members. For more information about the Austin Chamber of Commerce visit austinchamber.com.

About Opportunity Austin

Opportunity Austin is the Austin Chamber of Commerce's five-year economic development initiative to foster sustainable growth through the creation of new jobs and increased payroll in the Central Texas region. For more information please visit opportunityaustin.com.

About HID Global

HID Global is the trusted source for innovative products, services, solutions, and know-how related to the creation, use, and management of secure identities for millions of customers around the world. The company's served markets include physical and logical access control, including strong authentication and credential management; card printing and personalization; visitor management systems; highly secure government and citizen ID; and identification RFID technologies used in animal ID and industry and logistics applications. Primary brands are ActivIdentity®, EasyLobby®, FARGO® and HID®. Headquartered in Irvine, California, HID Global has over 2,000 employees worldwide and operates international offices that support more than 100 countries. HID Global® is an ASSA ABLOY Group brand. For more information, visit www.hidglobal.com.

Media Inquiries:

Rebecca Martin, SVP, Marketing & Communications,
Austin Chamber of Commerce

O: 512.322.5637

rmartin@austinchamber.com

Jeremy Hyatt, Director, Global Public Relations

HID Global

O: 949-732-2177

jhyatt@hidglobal.com

###