

## **News Release**

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INSPIRING INNOVATIONS

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## U.S. Department of Commerce recognizes Phoenix Contact Investment leads to job creation and economic growth in Pennsylvania

**Middletown, Pa. –** The U.S. Department of Commerce recognized Phoenix Contact for its positive investment in the United States, leading to job creation and economic growth. Ian Steff, deputy assistant secretary for manufacturing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, and Brian Lenihan, executive director for Select USA, presented a certificate to Phoenix Contact executives at the Hannover Messe in Hannover, Germany, on April 2.

Phoenix Contact is a leading manufacturer of automation, control, power, and connectivity products, with global headquarters in Blomberg, Germany. The company established a U.S. subsidiary in 1981. Today, the company employs more than 800 people in the U.S., including more than 600 at its U.S. headquarters, located just outside of Harrisburg, Pa. The Pennsylvania site encompasses more than 360,000 square feet and includes development, manufacturing, sales, support services, and a logistics center serving North and South America.

"Phoenix Contact's business approach is to think globally but act locally. In 2005, we reorganized to bring development and manufacturing closer to our North American customers," stated Jack Nehlig, president of Phoenix Contact USA. "We are proud that this approach has resulted not only in faster, more personalized service for our customers, but also added jobs and economic growth to the U.S. market."

Following the presentation, Nehlig and Frank Stührenberg, CEO of Phoenix Contact, hosted the government officials on a tour of the Phoenix Contact booth at Hannover Messe. Hannover Messe is the world's largest industrial trade show, and Phoenix Contact has participated since 1953.

## About PHOENIX CONTACT

PHOENIX CONTACT develops and manufactures industrial electrical and electronic technology products that power, protect, connect, and automate systems and equipment for a wide range of industries. Phoenix Contact GmbH & Co. KG, Blomberg, Germany, operates 50 international subsidiaries, including Phoenix Contact USA, Inc., in Middletown, Pa.

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