

## More Growth in North America



*Fig. 1: FEV Engineering and Office Center,  
Auburn Hills, Michigan*

FEV, Inc. recently opened a new engineering and office center in Auburn Hills, Michigan. The new vehicle integration, transmission development and office center includes a combined office and warehouse building that was constructed on a six-and-a-half-acre parcel of land adjacent to FEV's current powertrain development facilities. The new building will eventually be expanded in one or more steps, to a maximum size of approximately 130,000 square feet. By providing the space to increase the company's Michigan-based headcount, the new facility will also enable the future construction of additional new test cell facilities, which are needed to meet strongly increasing customer demand.

The first phase of construction contains a new 2-story, 25,000 sq. ft. office space and 25,000 sq. ft. of additional laboratory space, bringing FEV's total "under roof" space to well over 100,000 sq. ft. when combined with our existing powertrain development and engineering facilities in Auburn Hills, Michigan. The laboratory houses the FEV, Inc. vehicle integration resources as well as two state-of-the-art transmission development test rigs and a powertrain cooling and friction rig. The vehicle integration resources include a custom fabrication and build area as well as vehicle lifts (including an enclosed vehicle lift area for highly confidential projects) and other garage services.

FEV's newest vehicle integration facility allows for confidential loading and unloading of customer vehicles. The following activities are being conducted by FEV's engineers within the new vehicle center:

- Prototype Builds
- Benchmarking
- Integration (conventional, hybrid, electric)
- Calibration
- Testing

In addition to FEV's executives and administrative personnel, the new office building also houses FEV's North American mechanical design, procurement and government project personnel.

The investment by FEV in Michigan is crucial to the company's future growth plans in North America. FEV is continuously adapting in an effort to be one of the major innovation engines within the transportation industry and plays a significant role in harnessing and directing innovation to help the industry "reinvent the roadmap". However, it's equally important that FEV continue to be able to innovate new ideas and concepts at the speed of change in our industry. This new facility is an important step in maintaining FEV's ability to achieve those goals.

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