

Projects Unlimited and Ohio Shutdown

March 23, 2020

On March 22, 2020, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Health Director, Dr. Amy Acton, issued a “stay at home” order which mandates that all Ohioans stay in their homes for all but essential outings and closes down non-essential businesses as defined by the Department of Homeland Security.

This order identifies various categories of businesses that are exempt and should remain open including Essential Businesses and Operations (paragraph 12 of the order). Under that category, the governor identifies a list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce personnel created by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), an office under the Department of Homeland Security. Ohio’s order states that all workers identified in the CISA memorandum are defined as Essential Businesses and Operations and must remain open. The CISA list includes the following type of workers: aerospace, manufacturing/production workers, and aircraft and weapon system mechanics and maintainers. Since Projects Unlimited clearly falls into this category, we will remain open through the Ohio Stay at Home Order, consistent with the governor’s directions and the Department of Homeland Security guidance on critical infrastructure.

While we ask our employees to continue to work at their scheduled time, we are encouraging our employees to adhere to Dr. Acton’s order to remain at home when not at work for their own safety and the safety of other coworkers, family members and loved ones.

I can assure you that Projects Unlimited’s priority is to ensure a safe working environment for our employees. We have continued to follow the guidelines that the CDC and Dr. Acton have advised as best in practice for the protection of our employees. We have proactively worked to anticipate many of these actions and I can affirm that we have implemented a robust program that includes disinfecting work areas, proper social distancing, amended visitor policy banning visitors unless categorized as business essential, updated protocols on how to receive and send shipments, a ban on travel, an updated comprehensive policy and procedure to deal with illness and contagion, multishift work to accommodate employees with childcare concerns, emergency action protocol and work from home procedures for employees when possible. I can tell you today we have almost 25% of our workforce working remotely and productively, a great achievement in a manufacturing environment.

Under these protective policies, we will continue to provide our Mission Critical products and services to the government, prime contractors and other business covered as defined as the defense industrial base. We are fulfilling our long-term agreements and contracts currently and we expect to continue to do so. We are working with our supply chain partners to ensure we can receive all critical inventory items without delay to our manufacturing processes. We are assessing risk every single day and are working to mitigate those risks in a timely manner. We will continue to operate so as long as it is safe for our employees or unless given direction from CISA, DoHS or another government agency with the proper authority to countermand the existing mandate.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Wyse', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Wyse

President and CEO, Projects Unlimited, Inc.