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## **Governor McAuliffe Announces 46 New Jobs in City of Bristol**

*~ Nulife Glass to invest \$5.9 million to establish first Virginia operation~*

**RICHMOND** - Governor Terry McAuliffe announced today that Nulife Glass will invest \$5.9 million to establish its first Virginia operation in the City of Bristol. A Manchester, England-based company, Nulife provides a complete and sustainable recycling service for all types of cathode ray tube (CRT) glass. This unique solution extracts lead from the leaded glass fraction in CRTs, found in televisions and computer monitors. Virginia successfully competed against Ohio and Pennsylvania for the project, which will create 46 new jobs.

Speaking about today's announcement, **Governor McAuliffe said**, "I am thrilled to announce this new project for the City of Bristol, which will create new jobs in a region that has experienced challenging economic headwinds. In order to build a new Virginia economy, we must continue to recruit innovative companies like Nulife Glass to locate in the Commonwealth. Nulife provides a valuable service that benefits the environment, businesses and citizens, and we are grateful for its investment in Virginia."

"Nulife Glass' new operation in the City of Bristol is a great win for Southwest Virginia," **said Maurice Jones, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade**. "The company will not only create new jobs, but it will put a formerly vacant facility back into productive use. The current demand for Nulife's technology is very high, and

this competitive project demonstrates that Virginia has a world class business environment, tremendous workforce and many other great assets.”

Nulife collects and separates cathode ray tube (CRT) televisions and computer monitors into saleable lead and glass. The company opened its first North American facility in 2013 near Buffalo, New York, which can process more than 200 million pounds of CRT glass annually in furnaces that can melt the equivalent of 10 tons of TVs each day. In addition to helping relieve the burden on landfills – many of which are not equipped to receive hazardous materials such as CRT leaded glass – Nulife has been cited for its unique pyro chemical technology, which makes it the only company globally that can safely recover both lead and glass for resale.

“We’re excited to be opening this new operation in Bristol,” **said Simon Greer, President of Nulife Glass.** We appreciate all the support from the Governor, the Tobacco Commission, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Virginia’s aCorridor, and the tremendous assistance from the City of Bristol in making this project a reality.”

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with the City of Bristol, the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM), and Virginia’s aCorridor to secure the project for Virginia. Governor McAuliffe approved a \$110,000 grant from the Governor’s Opportunity Fund to assist Bristol with the project. The Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission approved \$190,000 in Tobacco Region Opportunity Funds for the project. Funding and services to support the company’s employee training activities will be provided through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program.

"It is exciting to see the adaptive reuse of the Crowley building/property in Bristol, Virginia and new life brought to the city's Exit 1 corridor," **said Catherine Brillhart, Mayor of the City of Bristol.** “Nulife Glass brings high wage advanced industrial jobs, which are critical to our city's workforce. I look forward to our continued collaboration with Governor McAuliffe and our state, regional, and local leaders to bring new business and employment opportunities to the City of Bristol and to build on growing economic development in Southwest Virginia."

"On behalf of the Virginia Tobacco Commission, I want to congratulate Nulife Glass on their decision to locate in Bristol, Virginia, bringing 46 new jobs to the city," **said Senator Bill Carrico, member of the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission.** “In addition to the \$190,000 from the Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund, this announcement is highlighted by Nulife’s capital investment of \$5.9 million, which demonstrates their commitment to the City of Bristol and the region."

“When the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing learned that Nulife Glass was considering a second U.S. facility we approached the company at their global headquarters in England,” **said Joe Anwyl, Director of Economic Development for CCAM.** “Following extensive work to secure this deal, CCAM is delighted that the UK technology leader has, with the help of The Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia’s aCorridor and the City of Bristol, decided to open a factory that will employ approximately 50 people in Bristol Virginia this winter.”

“Today’s announcement is welcome news for the City of Bristol, and we appreciate the investments being made in our area by Nulife Glass,” **said Delegate Israel O’Quinn.** “Economic development fuels the success of Southwest Virginia, and we continue our focus on bringing jobs and growth to our region.”