

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Safran Federal Systems Expands Operations in Rochester, NY with Major Facility Upgrade**

*Underscores Commitment to Advancing Technology and Creating Opportunity*



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Safran Federal Systems, a leading innovator in high-tech positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) products, announced the opening of a 12,000-square-foot expansion at its headquarters located at 320 North Goodman Street in downtown Rochester, New York. This significant expansion marks the company's latest milestone in its ongoing commitment to growth, innovation, and community investment.

Safran Federal Systems first established its presence in the Village Gate Square within Rochester's Neighborhood of the Arts (NOTA) in 2018 but its roots in the greater Rochester area go back to 1972. Over the years, the company has progressively expanded its footprint, most recently completing construction on a brand-new second-floor space earlier this year. The newly opened space, dubbed the North Star Operations Center (NOC), will be dedicated to the production and manufacturing of the company's cutting-edge PNT products, further accelerating Safran's business operations and enhancing its capability to meet growing market demands.

The name 'North Star' pays tribute to its location on North Goodman Street, the historical significance of the North Star in navigation—a key area of expertise for Safran—and the connection to the renowned abolitionist Frederick Douglass, who resided in Rochester for 25 years and published his influential anti-slavery newspaper, *The North Star*, from the city.

To commemorate this exciting development, Safran Federal Systems hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in partnership with the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, featuring company executives, elected officials, and community leaders, including Congressman Joe Morelle (NY-25), Assembly member Harry Bronson (NY-138), Assemblymember Jen Lunsford (NY-135), Rochester Deputy Mayor Michael Burns, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Robert J. Duffy and Director of Membership Kevin Donahue.

"Safran continues to lead the charge in innovative technologies like GPS, inertial navigation, and even designing and maintaining the system of bells and clocks used throughout the United States Capitol," said Congressman Joe Morelle. "This expansion is a testament to their commitment to our region and their place as a national leader in defense technologies. I'm grateful for our close relationship and I look forward to our continued work together."

"This expansion is not just a testament to our business growth, but also to our deep-rooted commitment to the Rochester community," said Scott Hildebrandt, Vice President, Operations of Safran Federal Systems. "We are thrilled to be creating new jobs and contributing to the economic revitalization of this vibrant neighborhood. Our investment here reflects our confidence in the future of this city and our dedication to being a positive force for change."

The new facility underscores Safran Federal Systems' mission to drive innovation while fostering local economic development. The company's expansion is expected to create dozens of new jobs, providing valuable opportunities for local talent and supporting Rochester's broader economic landscape.

As Safran Federal Systems looks ahead, the company remains focused on its goals of continued growth and innovation. By investing in both its infrastructure and its community, Safran is not only positioning itself for long-term success but also ensuring that the benefits of its growth are shared with the people and neighborhoods of Rochester.

**Safran Federal Systems** provides Assured PNT solutions and custom engineering services to U.S. Government agencies, defense organizations and their contractors. Safran Federal Systems is authorized to work on the full spectrum of U.S. Government classified and unclassified projects, in addition to supporting strategic partnerships for key defense PNT technologies.

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