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Turnamics: 40 Years of Re-Invention, Growth, and Craftsmanship

Asheville, NC - Local manufacturer, Turnamics, Inc., is celebrating 40 years of making quality, precision machined products in Buncombe County. During these four decades Turnamics has adapted to the sweeping transformation of the manufacturing sector both at home in Western North Carolina and abroad.

Turnamics got its start in 1969 as a bulk manufacturer of small machine components. Within the decade, a fundamental shift occurred to offshore production of these components. This change prompted the first of many re-inventions that the Turnamics team has met head-on. Currently employing over 75 at its plant off Leicester Highway, Turnamics has found success manufacturing a variety of products over the years including robotics components, golf products, knives, packaging, and performance bike components. "When you're hungry, you learn to adapt quickly," says Harvey Spiegel, president of Turnamics. "But our strengths and core values have remained constant: a commitment to our employees and precision, American craftsmanship,"

The story of change at Turnamics continues today with a new focus that Spiegel sees as a response to emerging national and international markets. Products being produced at Turnamics today will focus on satellite communication, mass transit and light rail, power generation, and infrastructure components. "Each time America falls into a recession we pull ourselves out with a focus on the basics: transportation, communication, infrastructure, and power. Turnamics will be part of rebuilding America," says Spiegel. However the changes at the plant are not just in the products. Spiegel credits a highly skilled and highly adaptable workforce that must continuously and proactively implement advances in manufacturing technology and equipment.

Like most survivors in American manufacturing, Turnamics today operates at greater efficiencies, pays higher wages, and meets more aggressive production goals than any prior time in its history. Turnamics continues to make significant capital investment in new equipment and technology to ensure its success and competitive edge for another 40 years.

“It is the entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellence of individuals like Harvey Spiegel that make advanced manufacturing a success in our county,” shares Bob Roberts, chair of the Economic Development Coalition for Asheville-Buncombe County. “We congratulate Turnamics for its 40-year commitment to American-made craftsmanship, and long-standing contributions to the economic vitality of our community.”

The EDC for Asheville-Buncombe County is a public-private partnership committed to: creating and retaining high quality jobs, community leadership, and being a resource for better business decisions. The EDC accomplishes this mission through its four core services: business retention and expansion, small business and entrepreneurship, research, and marketing and recruitment. The EDC is funded by Buncombe County, the City of Asheville, the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Advantage Asheville Campaign.