

Project Summary for Grote Company

Project Location:	1160 Gahanna Parkway						
Company Description:	Jim Grote, Founder of Donatos Pizza, created the Peppamatic, the world's first automated pepperoni slicer/applicator, in the late 1960s. The Peppamatic's unique ability to cut labor cost, while increasing productivity and efficiency, inspired Jim to found the Grote Company. Since 1972, Grote Company has established itself as the world leader in slicer/applicator innovation and technology and continues to revolutionize the way food processors and manufacturers slice, stack, portion, count and arrange virtually all types of food products. Grote currently has 100 employees in Gahanna with \$6.5M in payroll from July, 2014 to June, 2015.						
Project Description:	In June, 2015, Grote Company acquired Pizzamatic, a food processing equipment manufacturer located in South Holland, IL. They have the option to maintain the production facility in Illinois or to shut it down and move the product lines to the Gahanna plant. This incentive is necessary for the project to come to Gahanna. Grote Company is also pursuing Job Creation Tax Credits through the State of Ohio.						
Investment:	Project will require \$100,000 in building modifications and an additional \$750,000 for machinery and equipment.						
Job Creation:	Project will create 13 new FT positions in Gahanna with an average annual salary of \$53,846.						
5 Year, 35% Office & Industrial Incentive							
Employment Analysis:	Job Type	Jobs	Annual Payroll	Annual Withholding	O&I %	Annual Company Benefit	Annual City Benefit
	New	13	\$700,000	\$ 10,500	35%	\$ 3,675	\$ 6,825
Return on Investment:	Payments to Grote Company (5 years)					5	\$18,375
	Payments to the City (5 years)					5	\$34,125
	Payments to the City (10 years)					10	\$86,625
Staff Recommendation:	Staff recommends a five year, 35% incentive on net new jobs created for this project.						