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Greyhound Bus Line Manufacturing is thriving in Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (March 13, 2019) – The Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation is pleased to announce that Greyhound Bus Line, a subsidiary of <u>First Group America</u> based in the UK, has started to remanufacture, refurbish and upgrade their fleet of North American coach busses in Brownsville.

Greyhound Bus Line is committed to a capital investment of approximately \$2.2 million, located at a 67,814-square foot facility near the Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport. Greyhound has created approximately 32 local jobs and expects to grow its operations up to 87 new local employees, with wages up to \$26.44 per hour plus benefits.

Mike Walker, Vice President of Technical Operations, stated, "This has been a wonderful opportunity to create a partnership with the City of Brownsville and GBIC. We are looking forward to what the future may bring from a standpoint of growth/expansion and continued opportunities to engage with this community". In addition, Alex Cook, Chief Engineer of First Group America stated "Working together in concert with city government to invest tax dollars that directly benefit the citizens of the great city of Brownsville and create additional employment opportunities as well as grow the tax base for this community is an exemplar of how Government and private industry come together to better the residents of this community. Having the opportunity to interact with peer industries domiciled in Brownsville to strive to have a common goal of continued prosperity for the community has been a wonderful experience".

City Commissioner for District 1 and Board Secretary for the Greater Brownsville Incentives Corporation, Ricardo Longoria Jr., stated, "This is a prime example of how GBIC and local partners work together to help our people not only find employment, but become part of an organization that makes them feel proud of their contribution to it and their community."

Mario Lozoya, GBIC Executive Director, said, "Developing a local workforce pipeline by connecting industries with local schools is a key factor to creating more high paying jobs improving the economic prosperity of our community. GBIC is working on strategies to develop a stronger and relevant workforce in Brownsville."

GBIC, is the economic development arm for the City of Brownsville, has a mission to promote and increase the economic and industrial competitiveness of the region. For more information, call Mario Lozoya Executive Director & CEO at (956) 561-4133 or visit the website at www.Greaterbrownsville.com