

**VALLEY APPAREL EXPANDING PRODUCTION IN CLINTON**

Knoxville, TN – Valley Apparel, LLC (Valley) is expanding its production at its manufacturing facility in Clinton, Tennessee to begin production of the Gen III Layer 6 Trousers for the US Government. This contract is a 3 year \$17.1 million addition to its existing production of flight jackets, shipboard jackets, and trousers. Valley is the manufacturing partner of Coachys & Associates, a service-disabled veteran owned small business.

The company will hire approximately 30 new employees in the next 2 months which includes sewing machine operators, seam seal operators, pressers, quality control inspectors, material handling personal, and other support personnel. All positions are full time, day shift opportunities. The Company offers training and benefits, including medical insurance. This addition will bring employment to over 100 employees with additional growth anticipated in 2017. Applications for sewing machine operators and support employees will be accepted immediately at the plant office located at 108 Centre Stage Park West which is just inside the Eagle Bend Industrial Park on JD Yarnell Industrial Parkway.

Valley Apparel, headquartered and with a manufacturing plant in Knoxville, Tennessee, is a long time US Government contractor and has established itself as a leading producer of high end military outerwear. It opened the Clinton facility in 2008 and has produced over 500,000 jackets and trousers there which are used by US Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps personnel.

"We are proud to provide our brave men and women with the garments they need to defend our freedoms. Valley Apparel's people have always been a key factor in our company's success," President John Niethammer said in a news release. "Our current employees in Clinton are an important part of this success. This new contract allows us the opportunity to expand employment to more quality workers in Anderson County and the surrounding area."

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