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Debora Smith Energy Partners, Inc. receives a visit from Governor Gretchen Whitmer

October 28, 2021 (Brown City, MI) – Debora Smith Energy Partners hosted Michigan's Governor, Gretchen Whitmer. The Governor stopped by for a tour and a meeting with Debora Smith Energy Partners.

Debora Smith Energy Partners is an award winning supplier to the US Military and Nuclear Power Plants. DSEP provides precision machined components to the Defense Logistics Agency, a division of the Dept. of Defense. Nuclear Power Plants order a wide variety of items from Debora Smith's group including mechanical equipment, hard to find and out of production systems and components, reverse engineering projects as well as repair and refurbishment projects. Partners, John Bacholzky, Will Gardner and Debora Smith provide unparalleled service and support to their customers including 24/7 outage support. The team of three has creative solutions to tackle an issue that plagues nuclear power generation – obsolescence.

Debora Smith, President, explains: "As a recent alumna of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program, I connected with their advocacy group **10,000 Small Businesses Voices** who introduced me to the Governor's office; and from there the meeting was set. Governor Whitmer was touring the area meeting with small businesses in Michigan's Thumb. We were honored she took the time to visit us. We shared our accomplishments and our concerns about the shrinking nuclear power presence in Michigan and across the US. The governor was generous with her time and genuine in her support of our small business."



Featured Left to Right: Debora Smith, Governor Whitmer, John Bacholzky, and Will Gardner

Governor Gretchen Whitmer is a lifelong Michigander who is focused on getting things done that will make a difference in people's lives. The Governor took office after winning the 2018 election. The Governor serves with Michigan's most diverse cabinet Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Attorney General Dana Nessel, and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. She is dedicated to investing in small businesses, the lifeblood of our communities, making sure they have the support they need to stay afloat and help rebuild our economy. (Credit: Michigan.gov/whitmer)

"I'm committed to ensuring that Michigan remains a place where even the smallest business can thrive." "As we continue to put Michigan's economy first, I'm laser focused on getting small businesses the support they need and creating jobs," **Governor Whitmer** said. Learn more and find resources for Small Businesses at Michigan.gov/SmallBusinesses.

The Governor shared social media posts about her visit to Debora Smith Energy Partners.

Twitter: https://twitter.com/GovWhitmer/status/1453796203704029189/photo/1 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GovGretchenWhitmer/photos/a.2768574196489863/7048541478493092/ Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/CVlhIlovYhB/ TikTok: https://vm.tiktok.com/TTPdYUwGpA/

Goldman Sachs *10,000 Small Businesses* is a program for small businesses that links learning to action. Through the program, participants will gain practical skills in topics such as negotiation, marketing, and employee management that can immediately be put into action. In addition, they will receive the tools and professional support to develop a strategic and customized growth plan that will take their business to the next level. Michigan small business owners interested in the program can contact Molly O'Meara at GS10KSB Detroit by emailing: momeara@wayne.edu

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