



## **Glass Tempering Company Announces New Facility in Surry County**

Mt. Airy, NC – Catalina Tempering has announced the opening of a 67,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Surry County which will employ 20 people. This will be the company’s third facility dedicated to the window industry. The company has purchased the former Kentucky Derby Hosiery building on Derby Street in Mount Airy.

Ed Rosengrant, Vice President for the company, outlined several reasons why Catalina Tempering chose Mount Airy for this project. “We are very excited about the opportunity to expand to the East Coast and particularly to Mount Airy,” said Rosengrant. “The area is central to our anticipated customer base and there is an abundance of qualified labor in the area. The local government has provided a tremendous amount of assistance and has been a joy to work with. Catalina Tempering will be a mainstay in the community for many years to come.”

Catalina Tempering is part of a larger group of companies called Glasswerks, which has its main headquarters in South Gate, California. Glasswerks has seven tempering and fabricating facilities located throughout the United States. Glasswerks is in its fourth decade of operation, providing quality glass and mirror products.

“It’s always exciting to see an economic development teamwork effort succeed and this announcement of a new company coming to Mount Airy and Surry County is certainly a product of that kind of effort,” Mount Airy Mayor Jack Loftis said. “We welcome the new company of CATALINA TEMPERING, INC. coming to Mount Airy to occupy one of our existing buildings, making a significant investment in the building and equipment, and bringing twenty plus jobs to our area. We pledge our support to this new company and welcome them as they join our existing successful industries in Mount Airy and Surry County.”

The Surry County Economic Development Partnership worked with many partners on this project including the City of Mount Airy, Surry County, the North Carolina Department of Commerce and Duke Energy. For more information, contact Todd Tucker at 336.401.9900 or [toddtucker@surry.net](mailto:toddtucker@surry.net).