



*In the whole world there is only one Essex Junction*

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

The Village of Essex Junction is proud to announce that it has completed a successful public private partnership agreement with Flex-a-Seal, one of the largest employers in the Village, to assist them in continuing and enlarging their world headquarters in the Village.

The Essex Junction-based company employs 76 people, and has offices in Sau Paulo, Brazil and distribution facilities in 30 countries worldwide. The additional space will allow the company to increase its employee base and expand its Village headquarters.

“This is a win-win outcome for both sides,” said Village Manager Dave Crawford. “We're very pleased to help Flex-a-Seal continue to grow and thrive at its home base in Vermont. I would particularly like to thank Hank Slauson of Flex-a-Seal and his staff for working with us to make it happen. At a time of economic downturn with many communities competing for business, we are grateful that Flex-a-Seal has committed to remain in Essex Junction. We want to help them sustain that commitment.”

The agreement enables the company to continue its presence in the Village and expand its employee base on its current site. By approving additional off street parking on the Village Garage property, the company can reach its goals without impacting Village streets.

This is one of many initiatives the Village is working on and could be considered the tip of the iceberg in a holistic, robust approach to economic development, quality of life, and sustainable development proposals that are championed by the municipality.