



## Ford Invests \$1 Billion in Chicago Plants; Creates 500 New Jobs to Launch Explorer, Police Interceptor, Lincoln Aviator

- Ford invests \$1 billion in Chicago Assembly and Stamping Plants and adds 500 jobs to expand capacity for the production of all-new Ford Explorer, Police Interceptor Utility and Lincoln Aviator
- New investments in advanced manufacturing technologies and workforce training at the plant help Ford deliver better quality vehicles to customers more quickly
- Ford is spending \$40 million to make the Chicago Assembly and Stamping better places to work, including new LED lighting and cafeteria updates, new break areas, and parking lot security upgrades

**Chicago, Feb. 7, 2019** – Ford Motor Company is investing \$1 billion in Chicago Assembly and Stamping Plants and adding 500 new jobs as it prepares to launch three highly anticipated new SUVs that go on sale later this year.

The transformation at the plant, which will begin in March, will expand capacity for the production of the all-new Ford Explorer – including the Explorer ST and Explorer Hybrid – the all-new Police Interceptor Utility and the all-new Lincoln Aviator. The work will be completed in the spring. The additional 500 full-time jobs bring total employment at the two plants to approximately 5,800.

With the Chicago investment, Ford is building an all-new body shop and paint shop at Chicago Assembly, and making major modifications to the final assembly area. At Chicago Stamping, the company is adding all-new stamping lines in preparation for the 2020 Ford Explorer, Police Interceptor Utility and Lincoln Aviator. Advanced manufacturing technologies at the plants include a collaborative robot with a camera that inspects electrical connections during the manufacturing process. In addition, several 3D printed tools will be installed to help employees build these vehicles with even higher quality for customers.

The production of three new SUVs will add to Ford's output in the United States. Ford was the No. 1 producer of vehicles in the U.S. and the leading exporter of vehicles from the U.S., building nearly 2.4 million in 2018, and employs the most hourly U.S. autoworkers.

“We are proud to be America's top producer of automobiles. Today, we are furthering our commitment to America with this billion dollar manufacturing investment in Chicago and 500 more good-paying jobs,” said Joe Hinrichs, president, Global Operations. “We reinvented the Explorer from the ground up, and this investment will further strengthen Ford's SUV market leadership.”

“Ford's announcement of 500 additional jobs and over \$1 billion in plant investments is a testament to the quality and hard work of UAW Ford members,” said Rory Gamble, Vice President of the UAW Ford Department. “Every day UAW Ford members head to work, proud of the products they build and the craftsmanship required in vehicles like the Explorer, Aviator and Police Interceptor. Ford's investment announcement demonstrates a commitment to the dedication of UAW members in Chicago.”

Employee-related improvements to make the plant a better place to work total \$40 million and include all-new LED lighting, cafeteria updates, new break areas, and security upgrades in the parking lot. The company's investment is supported by Ford's strong partnership with the UAW, along with federal, state, county and local government.

“As Chicago continues to strengthen our diverse economy, Ford's commitment to add 500 jobs and infuse nearly a billion dollars into their Southeast Side assembly plant is a vote of confidence in our people and our future,” said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. “The assembly plant is a local and regional economic engine where iconic American brands like the

Lincoln Aviator and Ford Explorer are built. This investment is a testament to the strength and vibrancy of Chicago's manufacturing sector, and I look forward to Ford's presence in our city for generations to come.&quot;

Chicago Assembly, located on the city's south side, is Ford's longest continually operating vehicle assembly plant. The factory started producing the Model T in 1924 and was converted to war production during World War II.

### **All-new Ford Explorer, Explorer ST and Explorer Hybrid at Chicago Assembly**

The all-new Ford Explorer – America's all-time best-selling SUV – features lighter, leaner and stronger construction, the broadest model lineup ever, more powerful and efficient EcoBoost® engines and smart new technology to help tackle all of life's adventures.

The all-new Explorer ST, the newest SUV from Ford Performance, is the most fun-to-drive and powerful Explorer ever with a specially tuned 3.0-liter EcoBoost® engine projected to make 400 horsepower and 415 lb.-ft. of torque and reach a targeted top track speed of 143 mph.

The all-new Explorer Hybrid is a no-compromise Ford hybrid SUV designed to offer performance and capability in a fuel-efficient package and is projected to return an EPA-estimated range of more than 500 miles between fill-ups in the rear-wheel-drive model.

### **All-new Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid Will Be Money Saver for Municipalities**

When the all-new Police Interceptor Utility takes to the streets later this year, that lineup will include the Police Responder Hybrid Sedan, F-150 Police Responder, Expedition Special Service Vehicle, F-150 Special Service Vehicle, Transit Prisoner Transport Vehicle and Plug-In Hybrid Sedan Special Service Vehicle.

Ford is nearly two-thirds of police vehicles sales in the U.S. In 2017, Ford Police Interceptor Utility alone accounted for more than half of all police vehicle sales in the United States, outselling all other police vehicles combined.

The new Police Interceptor Utility with standard hybrid all-wheel-drive powertrain has a projected EPA-estimated rating of 24 mpg combined, a 41 percent improvement over the current model equipped with a 3.7-liter gas engine. Projections indicate the first pursuit-rated hybrid police utility will save between \$3,500 and \$5,700 per vehicle annually in fuel costs versus the current Police Interceptor Utility\*. If those savings were applied to every Police Interceptor Utility sold in 2017, it would equate to between \$118 million and \$193 million\*, or more than 43 million gallons of fuel.

### **All-new 2020 Lincoln Aviator at Chicago Assembly**

This summer marks the arrival of the all-new Aviator, Lincoln's new entry in the growing premium midsize utility segment. The Aviator elevates Lincoln's design vision and signals the direction of the brand's vehicles going forward. The debut of the Aviator Grand Touring, marks the first time the company has combined a twin-turbocharged 3.0-liter V6 engine and advanced electrified hybrid technology and is capable of delivering smooth performance and instantaneous torque. The Lincoln Aviator will be available globally, entering the highest volume segment in the U.S., the midsize luxury market, and the third-highest volume segment in China.

*\*Computed using fuel costs of \$2.75 to \$4.50 per gallon*

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