

State of the Cities
breakfast Tuesday

The Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and Calsonic North America are presenting the 1998 State of the Cities Breakfast, 7:30-9:15 a.m. Tuesday at the William Costick Center.

Included will be reports on taxes, community policing, school bond issue construction projects, the Hills parks millage renewal, district-business collaborations, downtown Farmington's economic development and the Farmington Central Business District 10-year visioning plan.

There also will be a segment titled "Farmington Hills - A Year of Accomplishments... Reflections on Success."

Cost is \$20 at the door. The Costick Center is on the north side of 11 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (248) 474-3440 for information.

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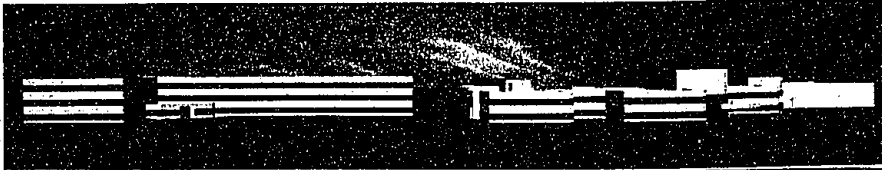
ments and credits of \$55.5 million, according to a Michigan state analysis.

The Bosch decision was hailed by Doug Rothwell, Gov. John Engler's director of the Michigan Jobs Commission, as "the largest single economic development under our watch during the last four or five years."

"It is the 41st tax credit Michigan has awarded since the law took effect in 1996 and 25,000 jobs have been created," Rothwell said.

Speaking both of the city and the state, he said that "without having cooperative governments and a favorable business climate, we wouldn't be here today."

Wackerle said Bosch, which first came to Farmington Hills in 1993 with about three dozen employees, will have 675



On the board: Bosch will nearly double the size of its existing Hills Tech Drive campus development with a new 260,000-square-foot facility.

employees in the city once the new three-story office building and two-story research and development laboratory are completed late in 1999.

He said groundbreaking for the new buildings, which will consolidate Bosch operations now on Haggerty and Halsted into its 40-acre campus on Hills

Tech Drive, will be held between April and June.

He said he and his family will relocate to Farmington Hills from Chicago. "We look forward to becoming your neighbors," said the executive, who is a mechanical engineer.

Of the city's help in getting

Bosch a \$29.37 million tax abatement from to keep the manufacturing giant here, he said, "We know it was a difficult decision, but it was the right one."

He said The Bosch Group employs 2,600 people in Michigan and has more than 23,000 employees in North America and \$5.3 billion in sales.

While the firm is automotive-based, its products range from telecommunications systems and components facilitating high-speed Internet access to household products, power tools and industrial equipment.

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Councilwoman Nancy Bates, addressing the chief prior to the vote, commented, "This is going to save lives in this community."

"No doubt," the fire chief answered.

CEMS, which will succeed the department as Basic Life Support provider, will continue transporting to medical facilities

and also will provide paramedic service when requested by the fire department.

"ALS service is to begin after additional paramedic-required equipment and supplies - also approved by the council - are in place and Michigan state fire officials give final approval to the program this month."

The council also approved ALS-warranted changes to its collective bargaining agreement with the fire department, including an annual \$1,000 non-salaried stipend to all firefighters and officers who earn and maintain paramedic licenses.

Also, paramedic licenses are required of all new department hires during their probationary period.

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