

# HEADLINES

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW COMPANIES

#### Cullman County

**Sequence Health** announced plans to open a new location in Cullman that will create more than 125 jobs over the next five years. The medical contact center offers patient acquisition, management, and retention solutions to realize optimal results at every point along the care continuum. Sequence Health is temporarily housing operations in Hanceville and is scheduled to open the new facility August 2017.

#### DeKalb County

**Tasco Industries, LLC**, a manufacturer of plastics material and resin, announced the company will invest \$100,000 in a facility in Fort Payne. This new company will hire 21 employees within 3 years.

#### Lauderdale County

**Shiloh Sewing**, a sewing company that manufactures parts for military uniforms will locate in Florence. The company will invest \$50,000 and set up production in an existing building. Shiloh plans to hire four employees initially and another 10 after the first of the year. Military contracts and subcontracts are key elements for the U.S. sewing industry.

### EXPANDING COMPANIES

#### DeKalb County

**Elimia Industrial, Inc.**, announced their expansion and relocation to Fort Payne due to company growth. The company will invest \$363,300 and lease a 28,000 s/f facility. This expansion will allow the company to continue to provide standard and custom control panels and also provide a larger inventory with expanded product lines. Elimia manufactures relays, motor starters and controllers, and other industrial controls and control accessories. There will be 8-11 additional employees hired within 2 years.

**Liberty Steel Fabrication, Inc.**, founded in 1997 and located in Fyffe, will invest \$2,200,000 for a new building and new equipment. Liberty Steel manufactures structural steel, miscellaneous steel, does project management, sheet metal fabrication and has a detailing and a laser department. Liberty was selected to manufacture the "Oggum" tractor kits which will be shipped around the world for assembly. The tractor is prevalent to the 1950's simpler technology. The first tractors will be shipped for use in Cuba. Liberty Steel plans to hire 40 new employees within 3 years.

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*These companies have made a commitment to economic development in North Alabama and we hope that companies considering a location in North Alabama will look to our Corporate Partners for their project services.*

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**Siemens Energy, Inc.**, an electrical components plant, that opened in Fort Payne in 1988, announced the company will invest \$8.5 million in new equipment for their 200,000 s/f facility. The Fort Payne manufacturer is the Northeast America regional center for electrical components for Siemens Energy. Siemens Energy components are shipped all over the world as well as delivered directly to customers in the field.

## Limestone County

**HDT Expeditionary Systems, Inc.**, a division of HDT Global, announced the company will be investing \$4 million in expansion and add 206,500 s/f additional manufacturing space. HDT produces shelters, generators, heaters, air filtration devices, robotics and other technologies for the military, civilian government and commercial industries. In addition to DRASH shelters, this expansion will allow HDT to build the company's AirBeam and Base-X model mobile command units that will assist soldiers in critical missions around the world. This expansion will create 123 jobs and allow an increase in production, lower cost and streamline related production processes into one geographic area.



## ALABAMA

~ Alabama is becoming a major center for automotive manufacturing. With three vehicle assembly factories, a major engine plant, and a vast supplier network, Alabama's durable goods manufacturing sector has grown by almost 26,000 jobs over the past five years.

~ Jobs in plastic and rubber manufacturing have seen a gain of nearly 20% over the past five years.

~ 20,000 jobs were added in Alabama's professional scientific and technical services between January 2011 and July 2016.

~ The States technology field is expanding along with computer system design jobs increasing over 7,000 in the past 10 years.

~ In the bioscience field, employment grew by 7% between 2012 and 2014. Growth was 26.8% higher in the medical equipment and drugs and pharmaceuticals up 26.3%.

## PROSPECT VISITS

During the months of September and October NAIDA participated in 2 prospect visits for North Alabama.

## UPDATES

### Morgan County

**Nucor Corporation**, the largest U.S. steelmaker, has reached an agreement to acquire Independence Tube Corporation, a manufacturer of hollow structural section steel tubing, for \$435 million.

## MEDIA

*Site Selection Magazine* ranked Alabama No. 9 in the magazine's overall "**2016 State Business Climate**" and No. 8 in the survey of "**Corporate Site Selectors**." The survey is based largely on feedback from corporate real estate executives and project activity.

*Area Development Magazine* ranked Alabama No. 6 overall "**Top States for Doing Business**." Consultants scored Alabama in the Top 10 in nine different categories in the 2016 analysis. The magazine also singled out **AIDT**, Alabama's leading workforce development program that has been helping to provide new and expanding industries in the state with qualified workers since the early 1970's.

## CONTRACTS

**GE Aviation** won a \$102 million, 24-month contract from the United States Contracting Command at Redstone Arsenal that will lead to a preliminary design review of its GE3000 engine which will power future military helicopters through the Improved Turbine Engine Program (ITEP). The GE3000 is a 3,000-shaft horsepower engine designed for the Army's Black Hawk and Apache helicopters. GE Aviation's Huntsville and Auburn facilities will make parts for the contract.

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