

NORTH ALABAMA HEADLINES

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

NAIDA President/CEO

North Alabama Industrial Development Association welcomes S. Brooks Kracke as President/CEO. Brooks is a native of North Alabama. He is coming to NAIDA from the Jetplex Industrial Park at the Port of Huntsville, Alabama where he was the Business Development Manager/Director. Prior to this, he was an Associate Director at NAIDA from 1987-1998. We look forward to his leadership and direction.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Companies

Franklin County

Mar-Jac Poultry announced plans to invest \$25 million to build a new feedmill. The feedmill will operate in Spruce Pine and will generate 30 jobs. This new location of Mar-Jac allows the company to supply feed to farms throughout north Alabama. The plant is expected to be operational by early 2017.

Expanding Companies

Lawrence County

Mar-Jac Poultry, plans to invest \$7 million and add 20 jobs at its hatchery in Moulton. The hatchery expansion is part of Mar-Jac Alabama LLC's \$50 million growth plan for northwest Alabama. The company is beginning to contract with local poultry farmers to build 100 to 125 broiler, pullet and hen houses. The expansion project is scheduled to begin in 2016.

Franklin County

SCOSCHE Industries, managed and operated by *MDI, Inc.*, has launched a distribution center in Phil Campbell Industrial Park. The larger facility has updated equipment and automation that will triple the company's storage and provide faster distribution. SCOSCHE has been in operation for 35 years and produces consumer electronics, technologies, and car and motorcycle audio installation hardware. More jobs are expected. SCOSCHE relocated from their previous site in Russellville.

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Turner, the largest general contractor in the country, is a North America-based, international construction services company with a presence in twenty countries.

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.

Cullman County

HomTex, Inc., a major manufacturer of sheets, announced the company will invest \$4 million for renovation of a 290,000 s/f existing building on 29 acres and the purchase of new equipment. The facility will be a transportation operation and distribution center. HomeTex manufactures a wide variety of products under private brands.

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Community Updates Continued

Jackson County

Johns Manville (JM), a manufacturer of energy-efficient building products, announced their company plans to expand the TPO facility in Scottsboro. This expansion will boost the plant's overall production by 20 percent. JM manufactures TPO in five, eight and ten-foot widths for use in commercial and industrial mechanically attached and fully adhered roofing systems.

Morgan County

BUSCHE, a metal machining company, located in Hartselle, announced the facility will be adding 100 new jobs. The company will invest \$13 million in new CNC machining centers, 77 additional machine operators, and support personnel in quality, maintenance, shipping and receiving.

Feralloy Corporation, located in Decatur, announced the company will invest \$2.8 million in new equipment which will allow the facility to cut heavier gauge steel. Completion is expected May 2016.

Vision Wheel, announced plans to expand their Decatur facility. The company will invest \$4.75 million and expand the plant 101,250 s/f. This expansion will allow the company to manufacture sub-assemblies for Polaris ATV's. There will be 18 new jobs. The project is expected to be completed June 2016.

Limestone County

TRIS USA, located in Elm Industrial Park since 1990, announced the company will invest \$6 million in a building expansion and new manufacturing equipment. This expansion will create 10 new jobs. TRIS USA is globally recognized for manufacturing carbon brushes for DC motors. TRIS USA products are used in numerous automotive applications, industrial machines/equipment, OA equipment, household appliances and other fields.

VISITS

During the month of March and April NAIDA assisted 3 prospect visits to North Alabama.

Alabama Department of Commerce

NAIDA would like to welcome **Ted Clem** the new **Director of Business Development**. We look forward to working with Mr. Clem in his new position.



UPDATES

Cullman County

AGCOR Steel, a metal roofing and steel building component manufacturer, located in Vinemont, is now in operation. Business has been steady due to Alabama's massive poultry and chicken house industry. AGCOR handles manufacturing, distribution and sales. The company announced in 2014.

Madison County

Torch Technologies, a defense contractor founded in 2002, announced it will create 150 new jobs as part of a \$10 million expansion project. Torch plans to develop a new corporate headquarters and conference center.

HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology

"Who do you think you are?" HudsonAlpha has begun on a journey to begin unraveling the mystery that is you. The Institute will become one of the few places in the world to offer whole-gene sequencing, expanding its research to real people. HudsonAlpha has completed genetic sequencing for 126 Alabama children who have medical mysteries and is now expanding their services to children and adults, everywhere. The institute will first offer whole-genome sequencing to those who have a compelling medical reason. Out of pocket costs begin at \$2,800 and include sequencing and analysis.

Remington Outdoor Company is up an running in Alabama.

The first gun to bear the Huntsville stamp is model RM380, a pocket .380-cal with "Huntsville" stamped on the right side. The pistol holds six cartridges in a magazine with room for a seventh in the chamber.



The Company is also making rifles in Alabama.

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