

HEADLINES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Expanding Companies

Colbert County

Walgreens Customer Care Center in Muscle Shoals is adding 150 new jobs. Walgreens customer care center is a vital connection between the company and its vast customer base across the nation. Total employment will soon be over 600 people with skill sets ranging from entry level operators to pharmacists.

Cullman County

Met-South Inc., a tool and die company located in Birmingham announced the relocation of their operations to Hanceville, nearer to their very successful apprenticeship program established with Wallace State Community College where the majority of Met South's workforce earned their skills. Along with shortened commuting times for employees, the move affords opportunities for new business in the Huntsville market and allows Met-South to better serve existing contracts with Cullman manufacturers Topre America and REHAU, Inc.

Jackson County

Mohawk Industries, the world's largest flooring manufacturer, has acquired the former Beaulieu facility in Bridgeport that extrudes nylon, polyester and polypropylene fibers. This transaction supporting the growing demand for Mohawk's carpet and rug collections, also includes a commitment to invest in equipment upgrades, preserving current jobs, and increasing overall employment in the community.

Madison County



Aerojet Rocketdyne announced another expansion in Huntsville that will increase their current local presence with an additional 800 jobs. The new state-of-the-art facility will be designed to manufacture their new AR1 rocket engine. The AR1 rocket engine is a replacement for Russian engines used on the Atlas V rocket, assembled in Decatur, AL by United Launch Alliance.

Line-X has launched their brand new 60,000sf corporate headquarters near Huntsville International Airport. With over 100 employees in Huntsville, Line-X supplies their products worldwide to 500 distributors in 50 countries.

NAIDA Platinum Corporate Partner

Bradley

Bradley is a regional law firm with a global perspective. With more than 525 attorneys serving regional, national and international clients, we have established a solid reputation for delivering innovative legal services that reflect a deep understanding of our clients' business objectives. Bradley's experienced Economic Development Team is ranked by *The Best Lawyers in America* as **Top Listed** in the United States.

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This company has 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.

UPDATES

Welcome Aboard!

NAIDA would like to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Paige Breland. Paige brings us several years of experience in office administration. She began training with Ann Dison in mid-February and she assumed her responsibilities in March. We're thankful Paige has joined our team. We're also grateful to Ann Dison for her many years of service and wish her our very best in retirement!



Promoting North Alabama

NAIDA attended the Southern Automotive Quality Summit in Huntsville and the Advanced Design and Manufacturing Show in Cleveland. We held our 18th Annual Economic Development Update Luncheon and we also exhibited during marketing events in Chicago including Automate, Promat & ProFood Tech.

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Expanding Companies cont.

Morgan County

Bunge announced two equipment expansions. One is a \$27.5 million upgrade and the second one is a \$45 million equipment modernization for the production of soybean oils, an investment that will increase output to 175,000 bushels per day.

Polyplex invested \$4 million in a new metallizer and slitting equipment.

Have you seen our redesigned website?

take a look:

NorthAlabamaUSA.com or NAIDA.com



Did You Know?

The International Intermodal Center at the Port of Huntsville is celebrating 30 years of operations.

North Alabama is celebrating 109 years in aviation! That's right. The Quick Plane, named after William Lafayette Quick, flew in New Market, AL in 1908 and is currently on display at the US Space and Rocket Center.

PROSPECT VISITS

During the months of March and April NAIDA assisted with five prospect visits to North Alabama.



TRAINING

The Robotics Technology Park (RTP) is now approved as an ISO 9001-2015 training provider under AIDT's ISO certification. The RTP is a world-class training facility offering training in robotics, PLCs and industrial safety at no cost to Alabama companies.

FEATURED PROPERTIES

1. **931 acre** Greenbrier I-565 site
(North-417ac., South 490ac.)
2. **1,252 acre** Huntsville Alabama Mega Site
3. **2,010 acre** Pryor Sanderson Mega Site
(North-687ac., South 1,353ac.)

Of over 19,000 acres of industrial sites available in North Alabama, 87% are within 5 miles of an interstate or 4-lane highway.



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