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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Companies

DeKalb County

G2 Supply, a general packaging distributor that manufactures customized wooden containers and corrugated products used in export shipping, will locate in the city of Fort Payne and invest \$1,193,440. This will create 7 jobs within the first year.

Mohegan Renewable Energy (MRE) recently invested \$2 million in a manufacturing plant in Crossville, Alabama. The plant will produce wood pellets out of wood waste which will be used for a low cost, renewable heating solution. In addition to their existing facility in Jasper, Tennessee the two plants combined will ship more than 180,000 tons of wood pellets domestically and internationally to major utilities each year. This will create 18-24 jobs for Crossville, Alabama.

Limestone County

Mazda Toyota Manufacturing USA, Inc. (MTMUS), two of the world's most innovative automakers have selected Huntsville, Alabama to establish their new \$1.6 billion automotive manufacturing facility. The plant will be located in the Huntsville city limits of Limestone County at the mega site near Greenbrier Road. Additional surrounding land will bring the site to over 2400 acres. MTMUS will bring 4,000 new jobs to the area with an average salary of \$50,000. A groundbreaking is expected to take place in the fall of 2018.

Madison County

DC Blox, a leading provider of interconnected Edge data centers and carrier class network services, will develop a \$13 million Edge data center in Huntsville. The campus will be located near Redstone Arsenal and the Marshall Space Flight Center. The new data center will accommodate clients who must manage and protect confidential unclassified and classified information. This project will create 10 to 12 high-paying tech jobs.

Marshall County

Roy Tech Environs, Inc., a Shanghai, China based plastic recycling company, will move into the former Kennametal building in Grant, Alabama. The company will invest \$1.6 million in updates to the 80,000sf facility and employ 20-50 people within three years. Roy Tech handles recycling of materials like drums, totes, pallets, trays and engineering plastics including polycarbonate, ABS and nylon.

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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.



The Shoals TechSpace is 15,000sf of recently renovated space located on the third floor of a historic Art Deco structure originally built in 1910 in the heart of downtown Florence, Alabama. It is within walking distance to the University of North Alabama and adjacent to a 500+ space parking deck. The space has reliable power and is AT&T Fiber ready.

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Expanding Companies

Cullman County

Topre America announced the grand opening of a new \$3.2 million 45,000sf distribution facility on February 9, 2018. Governor Kay Ivey attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new facility. During the ceremony Governor Ivey announced the \$80 million Hot Press Line expansion that Topre America would bring to North Alabama. Both projects will bring in a total of 98 new jobs to the Cullman Community.

Franklin County

Road Gear Truck Equipment, LLC announced the expansion and relocation to a new 172,000sf building at the Mike Green Industrial Park on Highway 243 in Russellville. The \$3.5 million capital investment will create 60-130 jobs over a 2 year period.

Lauderdale County

Tarkett, a global flooring manufacturer, will invest \$60 million over the next three years to expand its luxury tile production plants and build a new distribution center in Florence, Alabama. The expansion will create 50 jobs.

Recognition

Huntsville was ranked by *Trulia* as the #1 Best Place to Live in America's New Tech Hubs.

Among the 50 states Alabama was ranked #9 for inbound moves. -*Atlas Van Lines Migration Patterns Study*

Updates

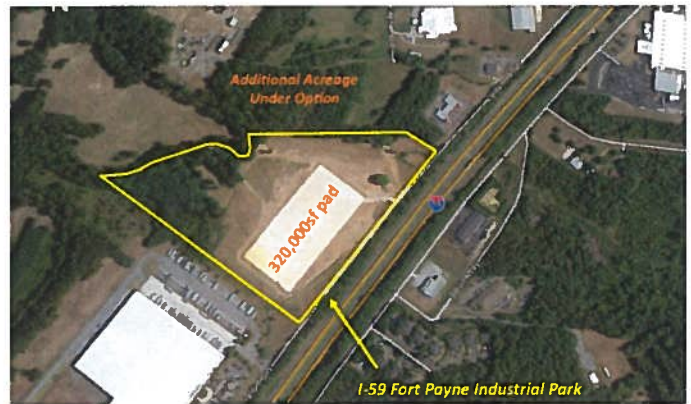
Cullman County

Sequence Health held the grand opening of their new permanent building January 31st, 2018 in Cullman. Wallace State Community College contributed temporary accommodations for Sequence Health while the new building was under construction. With the grand opening the company will increase their workforce from 30 to 130 over the next 5 years.

Updates (continued)

Newly Awarded AdvantageSite

The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama has named Fort Payne's Interstate 59 site as an Alabama AdvantageSite. Since the beginning of this EDPA managed program in 2008, 26 projects have located on AdvantageSites across the state, investing more than \$1.1 billion and creating 5,400 new jobs.



HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology

HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology is preleasing lab and office space as it plans for the opening of its 4th building on the biotech campus that fosters new and expanding life sciences companies. Opening an additional 100,000sf late summer 2018, the building will house components of non-profit genomic research, Educational Outreach, informatics, along with for-profit companies expanding and locating within the growing biotech park in Huntsville.



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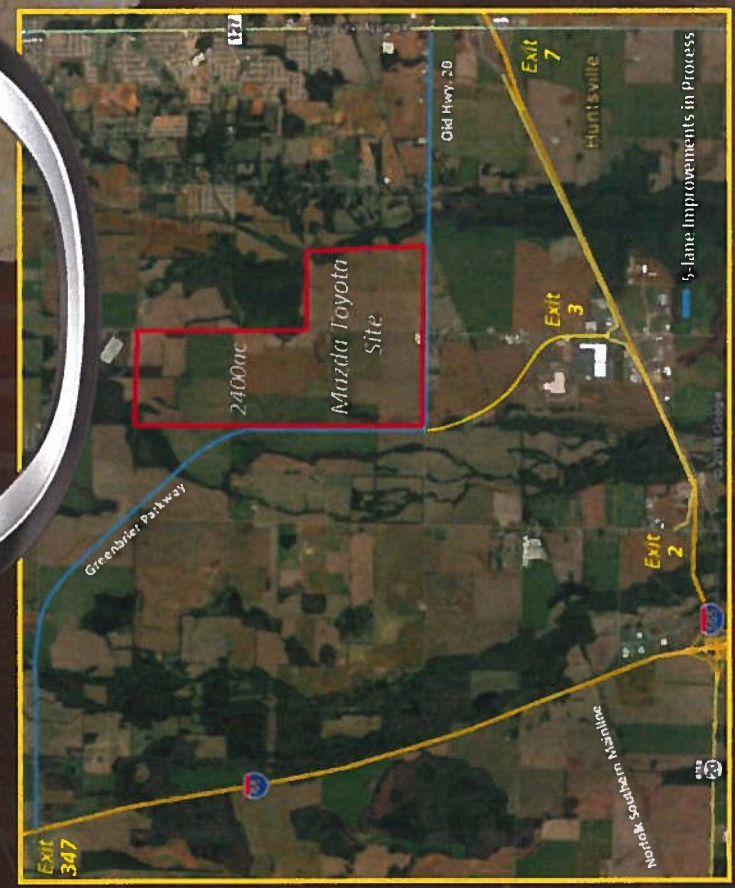


PROSPECT VISITS

During the months of January and February NAIDA assisted with 3 prospect visits to North Alabama.

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