

# HEADLINES

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Companies

#### Limestone County

**Claborn Manufacturing**, a leading provider of security hollow metal doors, frames, and windows to the detention industry, has plans to build a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility on the premises of the old Delphi Plant located on US Highway 31 directly across from Calhoun Community College. The new 300,000 sf facility will employ around 115 employees and will begin full production in late 2019.

#### Winston County

**Winston Home Builders**, a manufactured housing producer, has acquired four buildings located on 20 acres of property in the Double Springs Industrial Park. Winston County received a \$400,000 grant from The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to refurbish an existing 67,000 sf building located in the Double Springs Industrial Park. The company plans to create 180 jobs.

### Expanding Companies

#### Cullman County

**Shaddix Company, Inc.**, a family owned business focused on manufacturing Precast and Prefab products, will expand and relocate from Cullman to Vinemont. The first phase will take up to a year and will be a \$2.5 to \$3 million investment with a five-year projection of \$5 million. Once the facility and relocation are complete, phases II and III will focus on expansion of the company's product line. That plan includes adding six to eight full-time positions during phase I and additional positions once the new facility is completed.

#### Madison County

**Humantics**, a Massachusetts based company specializing in microlocation technology, will expand its Huntsville offices. The expansion will open up new engineering and sales positions in Huntsville, which could grow the company's workforce by about 20 percent in 2019.

The **FBI** is receiving \$385 million for expansion of a new building located at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville. The expansion will make room for the transfer of 1,340 FBI employees from Washington, D.C. to the Redstone Campus.

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

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### Education



The Alabama F.A.M.E. (Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education) Advanced Manufacturing Technician Program (AMT) includes a two-

year technical Associate degree that combines cutting-edge curriculum that supports advanced manufacturing technology, paid working experience, along with learning highly sought after business principles and best practices of a world class

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### Updates

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**Blue Origin** celebrated with an official groundbreaking for its world-class rocket engine production facility on January 25, 2019 at Cummings Research Park in Huntsville. The production of the most powerful liquefied natural gas fueled rocket engine ever developed will take place here. The production of this engine will end the nation's dependence on Russia for access to space for critical national security space systems. The manufacturing plant is expected to open in 2020, and the first flight test of the new engine is expected in 2021.



**Teledyne Brown Engineering**, an industry leader in full-spectrum engineering and advanced manufacturing solutions for harsh environments in space, defense, energy, and maritime industries, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 22, 2019 for its new High Bay Manufacturing Building on their main campus in Huntsville, AL. The 22,000 sf facility will allow the company to continue to support work across its multiple business areas, and provide the capability to manufacture larger hardware and increased quantities. There are approximately 40 new positions available to support the increased capacity and programs.

### Awards

Jeremy Nails, President and CEO of the Morgan County Economic Development Association, was selected by the Alabama Department of Commerce for the David R. Echols Distinguished Service Award. This award is given in honor of David Echols, a senior project manager at the Department of Commerce who set a high standard for economic development in the state. Honorees demonstrate the highest ideals of professionalism and character.

## PROSPECT VISITS

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

### Education (continued)

manufacturer. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the Alabama Robotics Technology Park to officially open the Advanced Manufacturing Center. The Advanced Manufacturing Center currently houses a collaboration between the Rocket City Chapter of Fame, AIDT and Calhoun Community College. The FAME program is also available in North Alabama at Northwest Shoals Community College in Muscle Shoals and Wallace State Community College in Hanceville.

Eleven North Alabama Schools are recognized in a ranking by **Niche.com's 30 Best Public High Schools in Alabama for 2019**. The ranking is determined by a number of factors, including state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality and high school ratings.

**Cullman Area Technology Academy** machining program students are manufacturing parts for NASA to send to the International Space Station. The school is participating in NASA's HUNCH program (High Schools United with NASA to Create Hardware) to produce components for the space program. Cullman Area Technology Academy is one of approximately 150 schools in 29 states currently participating in the project.

### Media

In a new study by the **Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA)** all three of North Alabama's MSAs are recognized by receiving top rankings for having the highest percentage of high school seniors earning workforce ready credentials. The Shoals received the #1 spot, Huntsville #2, and Decatur #4. The rankings are determined by performance on the ACT work keys assessment.

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