

# HEADLINES

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Companies

#### Limestone County

**YKTA**, a Japanese auto supplier, will invest \$220 million to build its facility on the Mazda Toyota Manufacturing USA facility site. YKTA is a joint venture between Y-tec, Keylex and Toyotetsu, which are three existing Japanese automotive suppliers with operations in North America. Toyotetsu has a history as a Toyota supplier, while Keylex and Y-tec are suppliers to Mazda. The new supplier plant will produce structural body stampings and assemblies, as well as functional and chassis parts for Mazda Toyota. This facility will create 650 jobs. Job listings are posted at [yktal.com](http://yktal.com).

**DaikyoNishikawa US (DNUS)**, a Japan based automotive supplier, will invest \$110 million in an on-site facility at Mazda Toyota Manufacturing USA assembly plant. The company will create approximately 380 jobs and produce plastic automotive parts, such as bumpers and instrument panels. Job postings are listed at [joblink.alabama.gov](http://joblink.alabama.gov).

**Sanoh America, Inc.**, an automotive supplier, will manufacture cluster tubes and brake pipes for Mazda Toyota Manufacturing, U.S.A., Inc. beginning in 2021 in a section of the automobile production line at the new MTMUS plant. The company plans to hire 34 new employees.

### Expanding Companies

#### Lauderdale County

**Adventech, LLC** will invest over \$2.5 million in a new manufacturing facility located in the Florence Lauderdale Industrial Park. The company will produce the MaxEff motor, an electric motor that is 30%-40% more efficient than other electric motors. The company will hire 23 full-time employees. Operations are expected to begin in August 2019.

#### Madison County

**Navistar**, a leading maker of commercial trucks and buses, will invest \$125 million in new and expanded manufacturing facilities. This investment will bring 145 additional jobs to the company's Huntsville facility. The company plans to make new investments over the next three years to produce next generation big-bore powertrain engines.

## NAIDA Platinum Corporate Partner

# Bradley

Bradley is a full service law firm with over 525 attorneys representing regional, national and international clients. Headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, the firm has 10 offices strategically located in the District of Columbia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Bradley's Economic Development team has handled some of the largest projects in Alabama, as well as significant projects in 31 other states. We are proud to be listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® as having the most ranked attorneys in Economic Development.

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*This company has 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.*

## PROMOTING NORTH ALABAMA

NAIDA held our 20th Annual North Alabama Update Luncheon in Chicago May 20, 2019. 15 Chicago based guests were in attendance along with 2 existing company officials.

June 10-12, 2019 we attended the Select USA Investment Summit in Washington, DC along with the Alabama Department of Commerce.



On June 24, 2019 we held our 19th Annual North Alabama Update Luncheon in New York. 13 New York based guests were in attendance along with 2 existing company officials.

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### Updates

#### Morgan County

**United Launch Alliance**, of Decatur, AL, held a ceremony on May 23, 2019 for the completion of its 107 ft. Atlas V core booster and the new 42 ft. dual-engine Vulcan Centaur upper stage rockets. The two rockets are unique in that they will be used to support ULA's commercial crew mission flying with the Boeing Starliner capsule to send astronauts to the International Space Station from U.S. soil for the first time since 2011. After the ceremony ended the booster and upper stage rockets were loaded on the Delta Mariner cargo ship to begin their journey to the ULA facility in Cape Canaveral, FL for processing for the historical flight.



#### Madison County

**Dynetics** held a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 30, 2019 for its advanced manufacturing facility. The new facility will allow customers to design, prototype, and manufacture their projects in one location. It adds 78,000 sf for large advanced manufacturing and assembly and will employ more than 200 workers. This will be Dynetics 6th addition to Cummings Research Park. This addition will increase the company's current production volume and offer classified manufacturing.

### Media

#### Cullman County

Major League Fishing at Lewis Smith Lake in Cullman, AL brings international media attention to North Alabama fishing tourism. The week long Stage Five of the MLF circuit was covered by World Fishing Network, Outdoor Channel and Discovery Channel as well as online streaming services.

**Trade and Industry Development**, a publication dedicated to site selection for business, named 2 of North Alabama's projects as winners of its top 2019 economic development awards. Mazda Toyota Manufacturing USA's \$1.6 billion auto assembly plant in Huntsville and Facebook's \$750 million data center in Huntsville.

## PROSPECT VISITS

During the months of May and June NAIDA assisted with 6 prospect visits to North Alabama.

### Education-Training

#### Jackson County

With the help of workforce funding and local support, Northeast Alabama Community College (NACC) will now offer a Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) program. The training center will be located in Scottsboro's Goose Pond Industrial Park. Local support for the location of the truck driving training center came from Scottsboro Mayor Robin Shelton, Blake Wright and the Scottsboro Industrial Development Board, Jackson County Economic Development Authority and local businessman Samuel Noble of Noble Trucking, LLC. Noble Trucking donated a truck to the school and offered assistance with the program. NACC President Dr. David Campbell said "This project is a great example of how a group can work together and establish a partnership that is beneficial to the community."



#### Madison County

Plans for a new cyber tech school are underway. *The Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering* will be a residential magnet school located in Huntsville that will provide educational opportunities in cyber technology and engineering for students in grades 7 through 12. The new school will be built on donated land in Cummings Research Park with plans to open in 2022. The University of Alabama in Huntsville will serve as a temporary site for the school beginning in the Fall of 2020.

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