

HEADLINES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Companies

Lauderdale County

AccessPoint LLC, a transfer call center that will locate in a former medical facility in Florence, AL, plans to invest approximately \$855,595 in renovations and equipment and will hire 43 employees. The project is expected to be completed by March 31, 2020.

My Care Alabama Northwest, Inc. a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama affiliate, plans to invest approximately \$220,000 in renovations and equipment to open an office in the existing BCBS office in Florence, AL. The company plans to hire 8 full-time employment positions. The project is expected to be completed by November 15, 2019.

Expanding Companies

Cullman County

Birmingham Fastener and Supply Inc., producers of heavy-duty fasteners for structural steel fabrication, metal buildings, transportation, utilities, OEM manufacturers, agricultural manufacturers and more, announced a \$1.5 million expansion. This will add 30,000 sq. ft. of distribution space and will create 15-20 jobs. The project is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2020.

Webb Wheel Products, Inc., located in Cullman, announced a \$2.9 million expansion to purchase additional equipment that will increase production.

Goat Island Brewing LLC, received a \$200,000 tax abatement to purchase their own canning line. This will allow Goat Island to continue canning their Richter's Pils and Sipsy River Red in house, as well as start canning their wildly popular Blood Orange Berliner Weisse.

DeKalb County

G2 Supply, Inc., a family owned industrial equipment supplier, located in Fort Payne, will invest \$834,380 to expand by purchasing an additional building. This expansion will generate 9 new jobs.

Lauderdale County

nSide, Inc., a computer software development firm that focuses on three primary markets: safety planning, facility management, and asset management, plans to invest (continued on next page)

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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

The 24th Annual North Alabama Economic Development Conference was held on October 1-2, 2019 at the Westin in Huntsville. The event began with a celebration Luncheon for NAIDA's 70th Anniversary. Thanks to the past and present colleagues, partners, and friends who attended.



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Expanding Companies (continued)

approximately \$255,000 to expand their current operations in Florence, AL. The company plans to hire 30 new employees and the project is expected to be completed by March 31, 2020.

Lawrence and Madison County

Lockheed Martin announced on September 16, 2019 they will invest \$45.2 million on a new Hypersonics Production Facility that will be located in Courtland, AL. This investment will make Northern Alabama the company's central location for Hypersonic Strike Work creating 72 new jobs in Courtland, as well as creating 200 new jobs in hypersonic programs management and engineering workforce located at the Huntsville facility.



(Groundbreaking Ceremony for Lockheed Martin Courtland, AL facility)

Madison County

Leidos, Inc. a science and technology solutions leader working to support challenges in national security, health, and engineering, will invest \$3 million to locate its first physical systems and support center in Cummings Research Park in Huntsville, AL.

Morgan County

Daikin America announced plans to invest \$195.5 million and add 50 jobs. The investment will add polymer production capability, associated monomer production, utility systems, infrastructure enhancements, and R & D capabilities. Construction will begin in January 2020 and be complete by May 2022.

AlphaPet announced they would invest \$2.625 million in new equipment. This project will begin in October 2019 and is expected to be completed by the end of August 2020.

PROSPECT VISITS

During the months of September and October NAIDA assisted with 5 prospect visits to North Alabama.

Media

Assembly Magazine awarded GE Appliances of Decatur as the Assembly Plant of the Year. The award showcases state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities that apply world-class processes to reduce production cost, increase productivity, shorten time-to-market, and improve product quality. The Decatur plant had recently made a \$115 million investment to transform the 42-year old facility into the company's Manufacturing Center of Excellence for top-freezer refrigerators.

Updates

Jackson County

Martin Aviation, a full service inspection and repair facility for Piston and Jet aircraft, held its ribbon cutting ceremony at the Scottsboro Municipal Airport. This new facility is a major accomplishment for Jackson County. Repairs can now be made locally.



Morgan County

Dynetics held its grand opening ceremony on October 8, 2019 for its new Aerospace Structures Complex located in Decatur, AL. The 3 building complex brings a capability to North Alabama to support the development and structural qualification testing of large aerospace structures.

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