

HEADLINES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW COMPANIES

Cullman County

First Brewery in Cullman Since the 1880s



Goat Island Craft Brewing is Cullman's first and only brewpub. The term "brewpub" refers to a pub or restaurant that brews its own beer for sale on the premises. Goat Island was formed in 2015 and is located in a 10,000 s/f facility with a 2,000 ft. taproom. Artisan brewing existed in Europe for centuries. Microbrewing/craft brewing began in the 1970's in the UK and began spreading to other countries.

Madison County

Special Aerospace Services (SAS) has opened an office in Huntsville. SAS provides engineering, safety and propulsion research capabilities to its space and defense customers. As a tactical engineering firm, the company designs aerospace solutions with its own R&D efforts and also works with its clients on their designs. Establishing a permanent location in Huntsville will benefit the company in doing business with NASA, the U.S. Army and area employers. SAS currently has operations in nine U.S. locations including Huntsville.

Colbert County

Recycling Management Resources (RMR), a paper recycling company will open a facility in Barton Riverfront Industrial Park. RMR will add 20,000 s/f to a 50,000 s/f existing building. The company will invest \$1.8 million in the project. RMR will be equipped with guillotine roll cutters, shredders and baler and will have access to a direct rail line.

EXPANDING COMPANIES

Limestone County

Triad Packaging, Inc., which began operations in Athens in 1992, announced the company will expand their Athens plant. Triad will invest \$1,456,000 for a building addition and equipment purchases. Triad, a packaging and design manufacturer offers a wide range of packaging solutions. This expansion will create 7 new jobs.

Franklin County

Northwest Industries, located in Russellville announced the company will invest \$647,000 for expansion. Founded in 1993, Northwest primarily operates in the prefabricated metal buildings and components business. The company will hire 15 additional employees.

Tiffin Motorhomes, founded in 1972 and located in Red Bay announced the company will invest \$645,000 to expand their motorhome manufacturing operations. This expansion will create 50 new jobs.

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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.

Cullman County

REHAU Construction, LLC, known locally as **PEX** pipe division, announced a \$5 million expansion over the next 5 years at its Cullman facility. This expansion will incorporate a new gasket line for use in the refrigerator/freezer market. In 1995, REHAU located in Cullman as a Tier 1 supplier and today manufactures products for multiple automotive and appliance companies. REHAU will upgrade the PEX operation with additional equipment and product. The new product line should be in full production by Fall 2016 and the company will hire 50 additional employees within the next 5 years.

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(Expanding Companies continued)

Lauderdale County

Southwire Company LLC, a manufacturer of wire and cable used in the distribution and transmission of electricity announced the company will invest \$7.5 million for the purchase and installation of new manufacturing machinery as well as a complete electrical upgrade of the Florence facility. The company will hire 56 new employees.

Cullman County

Progress Rail Service, located in Albertville will expand into Arab, bringing 50 new jobs. The company acquired an existing 125,000 s/f building for their bearing reconditioning operation.

Morgan County

3-GIS announced they will be expanding their Decatur office. The Company opened their office in 2006 and provides Web-based fiber network design and management software. In addition to selling software, 3-GIS recently began offering to use its software to design networks for others.

ALABAMA

Food Processing

Companies across Alabama are investing millions of dollars in new and expanding specialty food processing operations. 2015 was a record year of economic development for the state, with overall announcements that totaled \$7 billion and 20,000 jobs. Alabama being an agriculture state, food processing operations are a natural way to grow the state's economy.

Women-Owned Businesses

The estimate of women-owned firms in Alabama now stands at 153,000 according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Business Owners. Nationally the report found the number of women-owned businesses at 11.3 million. In Alabama over the past nine years, women-owned businesses have grown by over 42%.

Toyota Alabama

The Toyota Alabama engine plant celebrated its 15th anniversary. The \$864 million plant has expanded four times since beginning production in 2003. The Huntsville plant provides engines for eight of the 12 Toyota vehicles built in North America, has 1 million s/f of floor space, the largest engine production capacity in the region and is the only Toyota facility that produces 4-cylinder, V6 and V8 engines under one roof. Toyota Alabama gives most of the credit for 15 years of success to their 1,350 employees.

Visit Alabama

In 2015 Alabama estimated 25 million people visited the state bringing \$12.6 billion into Alabama through tourism and travel industry. Tourism brings about 175,000 jobs that spread throughout the economy, from lodging, attractions, restaurants, shopping and other.

PROSPECT VISITS

During the months of July and August NAIDA participated in 4 prospect visits for North Alabama.

UPDATES

Madison County

Science and Engineering Services, Inc. (SES)

*The Huntsville Facility
Continues to Grow*



SES announced in 2014 their \$70 million major expansion of its Alabama operations. The 250,000 s/f addition of hangar and storage space has been completed. Huntsville is a leading provider of maintenance, repair and overhaul services for airplane, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles and ground combat systems. The U.S. government is their largest customer and SES does foreign military sales programs for other countries.

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