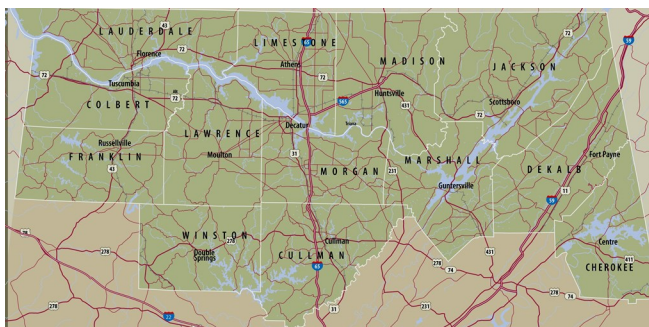


HEADLINES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAIDA Services

NAIDA is the industrial recruiting arm of the electric power distributors within the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) distribution region of Alabama. Our organization markets the advantages of North Alabama and has assisted clients with their site selection process since 1949. All services are free of charge without obligation. For information on available sites and buildings please call 1.800.669.9450.



NEW COMPANIES

Franklin County

Farmers Home Furniture, founded in 1949 and operating 198 retail stores, announced plans to locate a new distribution center in Russellville Industrial Park. The company purchased a 325,000 s/f existing building and will invest \$10 million on modifications and creating 80 jobs for the community.

EXPANDING COMPANIES

Madison County

Yulista announced the company will build a 60,000 s/f aviation hangar and 20,000 s/f support facility at Huntsville Executive Airport in Meridianville. The support facility will service both fixed and rotary-wing aircraft, including newer tilt rotor technology. The Yulista M5 Hanger is scheduled to be fully operational July of 2017 and may double the company's aviation workforce in the Huntsville/Madison County community.

Limestone County

Lee Precision Machine Shop, Inc. located in Athens is investing \$329,000 to add a new 8,000 s/f building and new metal machining equipment. Lee Precision offers machining services and parts design and engineering services. The company will hire 8 new employees.

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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.

Lauderdale County

PerformanceScrubs.com, a Healthcare Products company, opened a new Factory Store in Florence. PerformanceScrubs opened their manufacturing facility in Florence in 2014 and the addition of the Factory Store will be located in the same building. The company designs, manufactures and sells 100-percent American-made medical scrubs and uniforms and sleepwear for men and women. The scrubs are wrinkle, stain and fade resistant, and shoppers can mix and match to create different looks.

DeKalb County

Rainsville Technology, Inc. (RTI) announced the company will invest \$4,600,000 for new equipment. RTI is a supplier of injection-molded plastic parts.

JCG Foods of Alabama LLC, dba Koch Foods located in Collinsville, will invest \$16,600,000 for new equipment. JCG Foods is a poultry processing facility. This expansion will create 52 new jobs.

Morgan County

OCI Alabama LLC will invest \$2,650,000 to construct an on-site warehouse for storage and distribution with automated packing equipment. OCI manufactures sodium percarbonate, a dry bleach used in consumer products. There will be 3 employees hired.

HEADLINES

ALABAMA

Alabama Is Well Positioned To Support Companies Operating In Various Industries

Alabama is now the fifth-largest auto producing state having produced over 1 million vehicles in 2015 with 11 passenger models in 2016.

Alabama is transforming how aerospace and aviation components are manufactured through 3-D printing.

Alabama is critical in research and development of aviation and aerospace with an aircraft assembly facility and plants that will produce materials to make jet engines lighter and more efficient and the first large-scale facility in the US to produce Silicon Carbide (SiC) ceramic fiber.

Alabama tech sector growth includes a major global data center and a global IT talent center that will develop automation and global platform services. These companies show the potential Alabama has for additional growth in the tech industry.

Thanks to Alabama's advantages, companies are discovering the benefits of locating in Alabama.

Source: Trade & Industry, May 2016

EDUCATION

Science Applications International Corporation, (SAIC) is working with Huntsville City Schools to launch a new cybersecurity initiative. The three year, \$300,000 donation will go toward the school system's Cyber Academy program that is designed to provide Huntsville students the opportunity to learn from cyber professionals while receiving college credits. SAIC employees will help deliver curriculum and programs at the Cyber Academy to better prepare students seeking cybersecurity careers.

AWARDS

Madison County

The North Alabama International Trade Association (NAITA) announced that Huntsville small business *Aladdin Light Lift* received NAITA's *Global Trade Award for 2016*. *Aladdin Light Lift* produces electric motor winch systems used to raise and lower lighting. The NAITA organization is committed to promoting economic growth through international trade education, training and networking.

North Alabama

Several North Alabama companies were honored by the Japan America Society of Alabama (JASA) for their 2015 industrial expansions. These companies are: *Alabama Cullman Yutaka Technologies, Topre America, and Cullman Castings* in Cullman County; *Rainsville Technology Inc. (RTI)* in DeKalb County; *KTNA and SafeTweave* in Jackson County; *American Leakless and TRIS USA* in Limestone County; *TS Tech* in Marshall County; *Daikin America* in Morgan County; and *CBC INGS and TASUS* in the Shoals.

PROSPECT VISITS

During the months of May and June NAIDA participated in 7 prospect visits for North Alabama.

UPDATES

Madison County

Polaris Manufacturing in Huntsville, began production of the Ranger line June 1 with production of the Slingshot to begin July 6. More than 400 employees have been hired at the 725,000 s/f plant with another 1,300 positions expected. AIDT is assisting with the hiring. The project has grown beyond the manufacturing facility to now include a logistics center that is under construction. The logistics center is for incoming parts and a vehicle holding center where finished goods receive final inspection.

Limestone County

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has certified a 1,252 acre site in Huntsville/Limestone County as a *TVA Mega Site*. To receive TVA Mega Site certification the site must be at least 1,000 acres, with interstate access, the potential for rail service, and utility service capable of serving a major manufacturing facility. The certification means no major obstacles will stand in the way of development for large-scale manufacturing projects.

MEDIA

Madison County

Torch Technologies was selected one of 20 companies nationally as a "Best Workplace for Consulting and Professional Services." Fortune Magazine and the Great Place to Work Institute ranked Torch in 17th place. Torch was the only Huntsville company to make the national survey, which uses anonymous employee surveys to rank the top workplaces. Torch is currently renovating their 40,000 s/f building while also constructing a 10,000 s/f addition as part of their plan to increase its workforce to more than 500 employees.

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