

HEADLINES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Companies

Lawrence County

CCI Manufacturing, a Tier 1 auto supplier, will invest \$21.5 million to construct an advanced production facility that will include rail service in the Mallard Fox West Industrial Park. NAIDA was proud to work with officials from Lawrence County and CCI back in October of 2018 when the project began. CCI will produce automotive fluids, such as brake fluid and engine coolant. 28 new jobs will be created.

Progressive Pipe Fabricators, custom fire protection fabricators, broke ground on their new \$1.8 million, 82,000 sf facility located in the Mallard Fox West Industrial Park. This will create 45 new jobs.

Expanding Companies

DeKalb County

Rainsville Technology, Inc. (RTI), a supplier of injection molded automotive parts, will invest \$6 million to add new manufacturing and non manufacturing equipment.

GH Metal Solutions, located in Fort Payne, announced they will invest \$8 million to add new equipment. The company has been in business for 61 years and currently employs 351 people.

Lawrence County

Nucor Tubular Products, steel tubing manufacturer, will invest \$6.5 million to construct a new building in the Mallard Fox West Industrial Park.

Updates

Madison County

Navistar, a leading maker of commercial trucks and buses, held a ground breaking ceremony February 11, 2020 on its new and expanded manufacturing facility at Jetplex Industrial Park in Huntsville, AL. The company announced back in July 2019 that it would make a capital investment of approximately \$125 million and that the investment would bring 145 additional jobs to the company's Huntsville facility.

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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.

PROMOTING NORTH ALABAMA

NAIDA along with representatives from Cullman Economic Development Agency exhibited and attended the 2020 HAI Heli-Expo in Anaheim, CA January 27-30th.



Huntsville International Airport was chosen by voters as **North America's best small airport for USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice awards 2020**. USA Today describes Huntsville's airport as "small and easy to navigate, with an onsite hotel and a nice range of food and beverage options for an airport of its size."

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Blue Origin, held a grand opening ceremony on February 17, 2020 for its 350,000 sf manufacturing facility at Cummings Research Park in Huntsville. The

world-class engine manufacturing facility will conduct high rate production of the BE-4 and BE-3U engines. The facility will employ around 400 workers at peak production.

Madison County

Jetplex 92 South, located in the Jetplex Industrial Park at The Port of Huntsville, has received AdvantageSite designation. The Jetplex 92 South site is a 92-acre site located approximately 4.8 miles from Interstate 565. The site can be accessed by Wall Triana Highway, a 4-lane highway that is adjacent to the east boundary of the site. All utilities are either at the site or adjacent to the property. There are now a total of 15 AdvantageSites located in North Alabama.



Morgan County

GE Appliances, a Haier company, unveiled the completion of its \$125 million expansion on February 24, 2020 to its refrigeration plant located in Decatur, AL. The investment boosted production capacity by 25% and ensures early compliance with 2022 refrigerant changes, making the plant a super site for GE appliances top-freezer refrigeration production.

PROSPECT VISITS

During the months of January and February NAIDA assisted with 4 prospect visits to North Alabama.

Education-Training

With a focus on preparing for Industry 4.0, which is the digitization of manufacturing, the Robotics Technology Park announced the next phase of robotics and automation training known as RTP 2.0. This plan will give Alabama companies access to the newest and most updated equipment for training its employees. The training at the park will be focused on automation, robotics, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, virtual reality, data analytics and 3D printing.

Huntsville/Madison County, and the Shoals are among a total of 10 communities that will take part in the recently launched **TVA Community Innovation Academy**. The program will focus on economic development and help participating communities rethink solutions to have more resilient economies; support participating communities in identifying and creating new income and tax revenue opportunities; and provide the framework for community accelerator efforts that incubate new ideas for advancing the quality of life necessary to attract and retain talent.

Recognition

We would like to say thank you to Richard Morrissey and Mike Simpson for your combined 39 years of service on the NAIDA Board. We wish both Richard Morrissey (15 years of service) and Mike Simpson (24 years of service) good health, happiness and continued success in retirement.



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