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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Companies

Limestone County

Aldez, a leading inventory management and distribution company focused on the automotive industry, will locate its new state-of-the-art facility in the SouthPoint Industrial Park located in Huntsville, AL. Aldez will provide maintenance and repair operations crib management and distribution center services for Mazda Toyota Manufacturing, USA.

Expanding Companies

Cullman County

HomTex Inc., a Cullman based manufacturer of bed linens and other items, has shifted its focus to making cotton face masks for businesses and individuals. The \$5 million project will create 120 jobs and position HomTex as a permanent U.S. producer of personal protective equipment, or PPE, at a time when domestic production of the gear is seen as a national security priority.

Cullman County

JELCO Inc., a manufacturer of hand-crafted utility lineman equipment, has invested \$100,000 to purchase sewing equipment to produce personal protective equipment related to the COVID-19 pandemic. They have also expanded their production to include a specialized flame resistant mask for utility workers. They have plans to purchase additional equipment and will hire additional staff.

Morgan County

AFC Feed, LLC (Alabama Farmers Cooperative), located in Decatur, AL, announced they will invest \$7.402 million to build an animal feed blending facility and warehouse. Construction will be completed around March 2021 and the project will create nine jobs.

Media

Area Development Magazine named **Decatur, AL MSA #1 in 2019 Leading Metro Locations**.

Cullman and **The Shoals** were listed in *SiteSelection Magazine's Top 10 Metropolitan Communities in the USA*. Cullman ties for the number 6 spot and the Shoals is ranked at number 7 on the list. The ranking is based on project wins for the community and its metros with population less than 200,000.

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Updates

Repurposing Manufacturing for COVID-19

We would like to thank the following North Alabama companies for repurposing their businesses to produce much-needed personal protective equipment to protect healthcare workers and the public during the COVID-19 crisis. Alabama Chanin, Arcadian Services, Cook Museum of Natural Science, Country Brook Design, Diatherix, Federal Mogul-Boaz, Ginesis Natural Products, Global Special Effects, HomTex, JELCO, Kappler Inc., Madison Public Library, Polyplex USA, Red Land Cotton, Renfro, Safety First, Singing River Brewing, The Robson Company, Taskmasters/Glass Shop, Thompson Manufacturing, ULA, Yellowhammer Brewing and Zone Defense.

Madison County

Avilution, a software company located in Huntsville, AL, held a ground breaking ceremony on March 11, 2020 for its new facility located at the Huntsville International Airport. Avilution will produce avionics software that will transform the aviation industry.



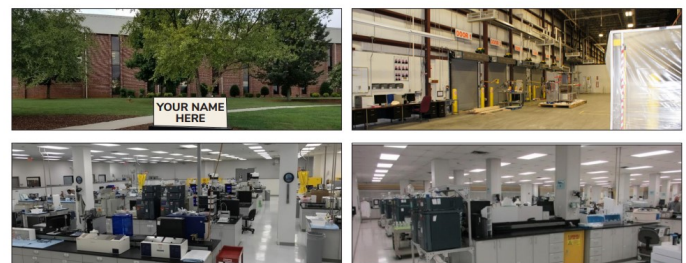
Companies on campus have increased laboratory testing capacity, rolled out point-of-care testing diagnostics, continued work on antibody treatments for immune response, provided researchers with reagents for COVID-19 projects and researched personal protective equipment sterilization methods for the reuse of PPE.

Diatherix-Eurofins, a diagnostic testing laboratory, released it's COVID -19 panel for testing on March 16 and immediately began testing patients at the direction of physicians. Diatherix has increased its testing capacity by utilizing additional space at HudsonAlpha.

HudsonAlpha has also utilized its purchasing power to procure personal protective equipment, reagents and critical cleaning supplies for employees, companies and community first-responders.

AVAILABLE BUILDING

We are beginning a series to highlight the available buildings and sites in our area. The first available building in our series is 150 Vintage Drive, a former pharmaceutical manufacturing facility that is located in Huntsville.



The available space is over 320,000 SF (divisible to 50,000 SF) Landsite: 16 acres, Office Area 10,256 SF, QC Lab: 13,803 SF, Vault: 6,305 SF, Clearance 31' clear (high bay area), Twelve exterior truck docks and one drive-in door, ideal for manufacturing, production assembly and distribution, located 15 minutes from downtown Huntsville with close proximity to Huntsville International Airport and I-65.

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