

HEADLINES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Companies

Lauderdale County

Kith Kitchens, an established family-owned high-quality cabinet manufacturing business, will invest \$11 million to open a new manufacturing facility that will be located in the Florence-Lauderdale Industrial Park. This will create 131 jobs.



Expanding

Cullman County

BBLU, Inc., a manufacturer of food safe bulk cardboard shipping containers for the poultry industry, will invest \$400,000 to expand its facility located in South Vinemont. This will add 2 additional jobs to the 16 jobs that were created this year.

DeKalb County

Vulcraft, a manufacturer of steel joists, steel decking, and other steel-related supplies, will invest \$2.6 million to add new equipment.

Limestone County

Indorama Ventures Sustainable Solutions, a recycling company located in Athens, AL., will invest \$11.1 million on an expansion that will add a new line of equipment to its facility. This will create 18 jobs.

Morgan County

M & J Industries, located in Decatur, announced they will invest \$3.55 million to add equipment and to renovate the 30,000 SF building next to its existing facility. This will create 25 new jobs.

Cerro Wire & Cable, located in Hartselle, will invest \$6.7 million on an expansion that will add new equipment to its existing facility. This will create 92 new jobs.

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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.

Did you know?

Cold Box Express Inc. is a manufacturer of the world's first active refrigerated pallet shipping and storage container. The company is located in Arab, AL. The temperature controlled storage containers have met CDC standards and will be used to store and transport COVID-19 vaccines. The Cold Box is battery powered, self-contained, and the temperature inside can be monitored and adjusted remotely. It is designed to hold an entire pallet worth of product approximately 5,000 to 8,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses.



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Lawrence County

Progressive Pipe Fabricators held a grand opening on November 10, 2020 for its 82,000 SF fabrication facility located in the Mallard Fox West Industrial Complex. The new facility will allow the company to fabricate and deliver more than 20,000 individual sprinklers per week and will also give the capacity to ship more than 1 million pounds of fabricated sprinkler pipe per week. This will create 60 new jobs.



Media

In its sixth annual study, *SmartAsset* revealed the best metro areas for manufacturing workers to work and live. **The Decatur Metro ranked 12th out of 378 national metro areas as one of the Best Places to Work in Manufacturing in 2020.**

Redstone Arsenal is named as a **Top-6 finalist** for US Space Commands permanent headquarters.

Huntsville is ranked #3 on *LinkedIn's* list of cities where veterans can find top-tier jobs.

Engineering News-Record names **Blue Origin's Engine Facility Best Project of 2020.**

The Tax Foundation's list of 10 Least Expensive Metro Areas includes **Florence-Muscle Shoals metro.**

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Updates

Madison County

Currently there are 9 FBI buildings under construction at Redstone Arsenal. There are 790 FBI employees already at Redstone and more than 2,000 more employees are expected over the next two years. Plans call for construction projects for up to 20 years, according to David Schlendorf, the FBI's associate executive assistant director.

Huntsville International Airport completes Taxiway C, a 10,000 foot taxiway that runs parallel to Runway 18L/36R. It is designed to accommodate Group VI aircraft. This project completes efforts to provide a Group VI compliant parallel taxiway for both the east and west runways at Huntsville International Airport. Taxiway C eliminates a significant number of runway crossings by cargo aircraft and therefore creates a safer ground operation.

Lawrence and Morgan County

Joe Wheeler Electric Membership Corporation has launched FlashFiber, a world-class fiber optic internet that will give residents in rural Morgan and Lawrence counties access to faster, more reliable internet technology. JWEMC serves more than 43,000 members in rural Morgan and Lawrence counties. There are 12 geographic zones set in the order that subscribers will have the ability to access the high-speed internet network. Zone 1 Trinity, AL is the first area expected to receive service in the first quarter of 2021. All 12 zones should be connected within five years.



We wish you a
happy, healthy and
prosperous New
Year!