

# HEADLINES

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Companies

#### Madison County

**The Protective Group (TPG)**, an industry leader in developing advanced survivability solutions for personnel, shipboard, ground vehicle and aviation platforms, will relocate its headquarters from Omaha, Nebraska to Huntsville, AL. This will create 200 new jobs.

### Expanding

#### Morgan County

**CSI Equipment, LLC** will invest over \$3 million to purchase and renovate an existing building located in Decatur, AL. This will create 20 jobs.

**Polyplex USA** will invest over \$90 million to expand production of a specialized polyester film at its facility in Decatur, AL. The project will create 100 jobs.

**Watco Transloading, LLC** will invest \$2.69 million to add a conveyor system to its facility located in the Mallard-Fox Creek Industrial Park. This will create 5 jobs.

### Updates

#### Madison County

**Shamrock Investments** held a groundbreaking ceremony on February 9, 2021 for the new 208,000 SF Runway Distribution Center located in the Jetplex Industrial Park at Huntsville International Airport.

Redstone Arsenal of Huntsville, AL was chosen as the preferred location for the **U.S. Space Command Headquarters**. Redstone was selected based on factors related to mission, infrastructure capacity, community support and cost to the Department of Defense, as well as a qualified workforce found in Huntsville.

## NAIDA Gold Corporate Partners

#### Building & Earth Sciences, Inc.

[www.buildingandearth.com](http://www.buildingandearth.com)  
Matt Adams  
205.540.7445

#### Goodwyn Mills & Cawood

[www.gmcnetwork.com](http://www.gmcnetwork.com)  
Russ Roberts  
205.568.2106

#### Thomasson Industrial Services

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Brent Blalock  
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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.*

## AVAILABLE BUILDING



### CULLMAN DISTRIBUTION CENTER

This +/-236,000 SF distribution center is located at 2400 Trade Drive with quick access to I-65, US-31, and US 278.

#### Property Features:

- Class A modern PEMB building
- 36' clear height
- 31 docks; 2 ramps with oversized drive-in
- 12 trailer parks; 60 car parks
- Built in 2011; Expanded in 2016
- +/- 12 Acre site
- +/- 4,000 SF office with training room

## NAIDA STAFF

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#### Jackson County

They are making progress at the Jackson County Innovation & Career Academy site located at the entrance of the Jackson County Industrial Park.



#### HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology



Huntsville plays a pivotal role in fueling Alabama's growing reputation as the "Biotech hub of the Southeast." Since 2006, HudsonAlpha

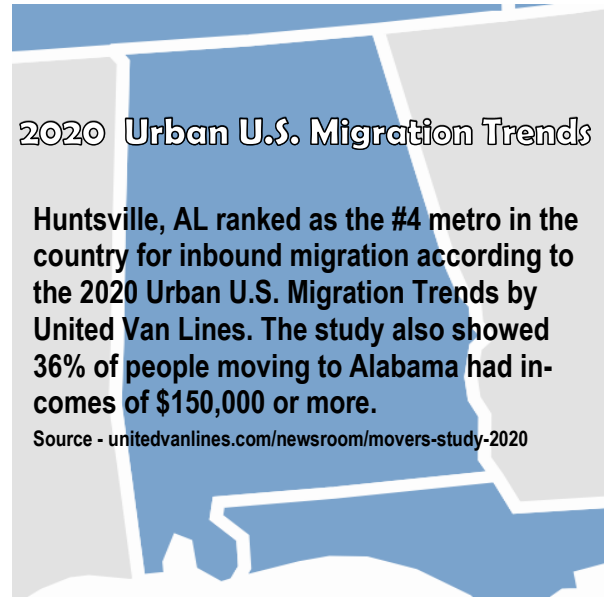
has generated more than \$2.4 billion in economic impact for the state of Alabama, and generated more than 2,000 jobs (direct and multiplier), according to the latest impact analysis study conducted by the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

### Media

#### 2020 Urban U.S. Migration Trends

Huntsville, AL ranked as the #4 metro in the country for inbound migration according to the 2020 Urban U.S. Migration Trends by United Van Lines. The study also showed 36% of people moving to Alabama had incomes of \$150,000 or more.

Source - [unitedvanlines.com/newsroom/movers-study-2020](https://unitedvanlines.com/newsroom/movers-study-2020)



Cullman, Decatur and Huntsville were listed in **Site Selection Magazine's Top Metros of 2020**. With 12 projects, Cullman is ranked #3 among Top Micropolitans for number of projects. With 9 projects, Decatur is ranked #2 among metros with population of less than 200,000 in the total project rankings. With 22 projects Huntsville is ranked #3 among metros with populations between 200,000 and 1 million in total project rankings.

## RECOGNITION



*Congratulations to Cindy Burns on her retirement from NAIDA. We would like to say thank you for 38 years of dedicated service to the North Alabama region. We wish Cindy good health and happiness in her retirement.*



*Congratulations to Shelia Shepard on her retirement from Jackson County Economic Development Authority. We would like to say thank you for 28 years of dedicated service to the community. We wish Shelia good health and happiness in her retirement.*