

# HEADLINES

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Companies

#### Madison County

**HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology** is happy to welcome four new associate companies to their campus: Trillinear Bioventures, Tyrosinemia Society, Chonex, and Day-Two. Currently 48 biotech companies call HudsonAlpha home.

### Expanding

#### Cullman County

**Cullman Regional Airport** is currently reconstructing the runway and adding new runway lighting thanks to a \$4 million investment from the Federal Aviation Administration.

**Royal Technologies** announced plans to expand its facility. They will invest \$2.5 million to expand production at their Cullman facility. This will add 25 jobs.

#### Morgan County

**Daikin America**, located in Decatur, will invest \$28 million to upgrade equipment and complete several capital projects to improve safety, environmental, quality, capacity, etc.

**Valley Rubber**, a manufacturer of custom rubber solutions for tough mining and industrial applications, located in Falkville, AL, adds seven new jobs.

### Updates

#### Huntsville International Airport

**Avilution, LLC**, an aviation technology company, held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new 113,000 SF facility located at the Huntsville International Airport.

#### Remote Shoals

**Shoals Economic Development Authority** won a Silver Rank for the Remote Shoals program in the category of Innovation Programs and Initiatives of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Remote Shoals is a remote worker recruitment program designed and implemented by the Shoals EDA.

### Education & Training

#### Calhoun Community College

According to the latest ranking from Emsi (Economic Modeling Specialist International) Calhoun Community College is ranked as #1 in the nation for the second year for its Advanced Manufacturing Degree Training. The ranking included over 350 institutions across the United States.

#### Northwest-Shoals Community College

Northwest-Shoals Community College and the Alabama Community College System will invest up to \$30 million on capital improvement projects to upgrade both the Shoals and Phil Campbell campuses.

#### DeKalb County

Fort Payne City Schools held a groundbreaking ceremony for the school system's new Building, Electric, and Aviation Technology (BEAT) Center. The center will offer vocational training for students interested in construction, electric vehicle & aviation technology.



#### Marshall County

**Snead State Community College**, located in Boaz, AL, has been awarded a \$4 million investment grant from the Public School and College Authority (PSCA) bond issue. The grant will be used to build a regional workforce training center in Marshall County.

### Media

*Area Development's* recent survey of site selection professionals ranked Alabama #6 overall in "Top States for Doing Business". In addition, Alabama earned Top-10 in 10 out of 13 individual categories in the Area Development survey.

## Updates

### Lawrence County

**Lockheed Martin** held a grand opening ceremony on October 4, 2021 for its 65,000SF Hypersonic Missile Assembly facility located in Courtland, AL.



### Madison County

**Boeing** held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 8, 2021 for its 9,000 SF expansion of the Huntsville Electronics Center of Excellence. The expansion will enhance Boeing's ability to produce, upgrade and sustain the PAC-3 missile seeker program.

**Toyota Alabama** celebrates 20 years in Huntsville and unveils two new V6 engines added to its production line. The hybrid electric powered twin-turbo V6 engine and the gas-powered twin-turbo V6 engine will power the automaker's redesigned 2022 Tundra pickup. The V6 Turbo line will produce a new engine every 58 seconds, with a capacity to build 18,000 engines each month and up to 900,000 engines per year. The all-new 2022 Tundra goes on sale later this year.



**Northrop Grumman Corp.** opened a newly renovated facility in Cummings Research Park. The Huntsville facility will support the U.S. Air Force's Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) program. This will create approximately 500 jobs and will help to expand a role in supporting important national security and civil space programs in Alabama.

## PROMOTING NORTH ALABAMA

Although COVID-19 is still impacting our normal event schedule NAIDA was able to attend the following events:

NAIDA exhibited at The Battery Show in Novi, MI in mid-September. Joining us were representatives from AIDT, Alabama Department of Commerce, DeKalb County, Jackson County, and The Shoals. The show was well attended and we were able to make numerous contacts.

NAIDA held its Annual North Alabama Economic Development Update Luncheon in Chicago on October 4, 2021. We were joined by several North Alabama communities, as well as officials from AIDT/RTP. We would like to extend a special thank you to our Chicago guests who were able to join us.

During the month of October NAIDA attended the Southern Automotive Conference held in Birmingham, AL. The 2022 Toyota Corolla Cross was among the cars on display at the conference. The new Corolla Cross is manufactured at the Mazda Toyota Manufacturing facility in Huntsville, AL.



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