

# **HEADLINES**

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Expanding**

## **Cullman County**

**Reliance Worldwide Corporation** will complete its \$49 million, 65,000SF expansion that will connect two separate buildings. This expansion will increase production, distribution space, and streamline processes.

## **Jackson County**

**Avans Machine, Inc.,** a manufacturer of a wide range of high precision components used in the aerospace, defense, industrial and medical industries, will invest \$1 million on an expansion. This will create 10 jobs.

## **Limestone County**

**Amazon** will add an additional fulfillment center in Huntsville, AL. The 1.1 million SF XL Fulfillment Center will be designed to receive, store, and package heavy or bulky items like home appliances. The facility will utilize innovative technologies and energy-efficient, zero-emission power industrialized truck (PIT) equipment. This addition will create more than 250 full-time jobs.

**Gregory Industries,** a manufacturer of highway safety, metal framing channels, tubing, and roll form steel products, will invest \$30 million to build a 325,000SF state-of-the-art facility on 83 acres located at the Elm Industrial Park in Athens, AL. This expansion will create 100 jobs.

## Morgan County

Cerrowire,LLC
will invest over
\$100 million to
build a new
270,000SF facility at The Morgan
Center Business
Park located in



Hartselle, AL. The new facility will produce metal clad cable, which will be marketed to the commercial construction industry. This expansion will create 131 jobs.

### **Expanding** (continued)

**AMP, LLC** will invest \$2.9 million to renovate a 12,000SF facility located in Decatur, AL. The renovation will expand the company's technical support operations adding 28 jobs.

#### Media

Alabama ranked #6 in the nation's top inbound migration states according to *United Van Lines 45th Annual National Movers Study 2021*. Alabama has a total inbound of 62.1% and total outbound of 37.9%.



Huntsville, AL is recognized by *RealPage.com* as one of the country's Top 10 Zoom Towns, and recognized by *Commercial-Cafe.com* ranking #3 for life quality, as well as ranking #4 for tech job density.

#### PROMOTING NORTH ALABAMA

NAIDA held its 23rd Annual North Alabama Economic Development Update Luncheon on December 8, 2021 in Atlanta, GA. In attendance this year were 24 Site Location Consultants, our local economic developers, state partners, officials from AIDT/RTP, and Corporate Partners. We would like to express our appreciation to all our friends and allies who were able to join us at this event.



## **Updates**

The City of Decatur will use a \$14.2 federal BUILD grant for the construction of a roughly \$18 million overpass at Alabama 20 in Limestone County. Construction on the Alabama 20 overpass began in the spring of 2020, with about 40% of the work currently completed. In addition to making the area safer for traffic, the overpass will provide access for retail development, and residential opportunities. Light industry is proposed on the northern edge along the Norfolk Southern rail that runs parallel to the highway. Completion is scheduled for summer 2022.

Mazda Toyota Manufacturing revealed the new 2022 Mazda CX-50 that will be built at its Huntsville, AL manufacturing facility. The SUV has the latest i-Activ All-Wheel Drive (AWD) technology and new Mazda Intelligent Drive Select, or Mi-Drive that helps the SUV drive naturally in a wide variety of conditions. Production begins in January 2022.



#### Mooresville Industrial Park

Adding to a diverse range of available buildings in North Alabama, work has begun on two of 10 buildings planned at Mooresville Industrial Park located in Limestone County. The buildings are designed for industrial or commercial warehouse uses. Construction began about 21/2 months ago on buildings No. 1 and No. 10. Building No. 1 will have 83,600 square feet and will be available as one or two units. Building No. 10 will have 10 units, each with 2,400 square feet. The remaining buildings will range from 83,600 square feet to 104,500.

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