

HEADLINES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Expanding

Jackson County

Silver Eagle Transportation Incorporated, located in Scottsboro, will invest \$2.2 million on a project to build a new Industrial Warehouse building. This will create 18 new jobs.

WestRock, a paper and packaging products manufacturer located in Stevenson, will invest \$29 million on a project to add new equipment and make building improvements.

Lawrence County

PhillTech, LLC, a water treatment/chemical blending company, will invest \$2 million to add equipment and expand its facility located in the Lawrence County Industrial AirPark in Courtland, AL.

Madison County

Lockheed Martin will invest \$16.5 million to add a new 25,000SF facility to its Huntsville, AL campus in Cummings Research Park. The facility will be used exclusively for development in Lockheed Martin's Next Generation Interceptor (NGI) program. The program supports the Missile Defense Agency on the mission to protect the homeland against ballistic missile threats with a revolutionary weapon system based on cutting-edge digital tools.



Meta will expand the Huntsville Data Center campus by adding two new buildings. The additional buildings will add nearly 3.5 million SF. The data center is expected to support more than 300 operational jobs.

Media

U.S. News & World Report ranked Huntsville, AL as the #1 best place to live in the U.S. for 2022-2023. Huntsville was also ranked #3 of The 10 Best Affordable Places to Live in the U.S.



Education & Training

Drake State Community & Technical College will partner with Western Governors University (WGU), an online, nonprofit, competency-based university. This partnership will allow Drake State graduates and employees to pursue four-year and graduate degrees in high-demand sectors such as cybersecurity, nursing, education and business. WGU's online programs are mentor-supported and designed to fit into busy work and home schedules, assisting in the goal of building a future-ready workforce. Drake is WGU's first community college partner in the State of Alabama. At present, there are 1,300 WGU students in Alabama and over 1,700 graduates in the state.

Meta will donate \$225,000 to Raise Your Hand, an initiative that aims to add 500 new National Board Certified Teachers to Huntsville City, Madison City, and Madison County school systems. \$75,000 will also be donated by Meta to the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering to support STEM equipment for the school.

Snead State Community College will build a new 45,000SF facility on the campus of Marshall Technical School in Guntersville, AL. The Career and Technical Training Center will facilitate local business and industry training needs through a variety of technical programs, such as welding technology, industrial systems technology, machine tool technology, and HVAC and refrigeration.

Expanding (Continued)

Morgan County

Wayne Farms Prepared Foods, located in Decatur, AL, will invest \$25 million on an expansion to renovate/repurpose building space, add new equipment, and install a new production line. This will create 80 jobs.

Updates

Colbert/Lauderdale County



The Shoals EDA is excited to launch its Shoals Music Makers Recording Incentive. Shoals Music Makers serves as support and

a point of contact for those wishing to record in The Shoals area. Eligible and approved recipients will receive up to a 30% reimbursement incentive on their entire budget, provided the project is recorded in Colbert or Lauderdale County. More information can be found on the website www.shoalsmusicmakers.com.

Limestone County

Intech Medical held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new building located in Athens, AL. The additional 40,000 SF will put this site at over 100,000SF. Intech plans to hire an additional 30 to 50 employees over the next five years.

Morgan County

Cerrowire held a groundbreaking ceremony for its 270,000SF metal clad cable facility located at the Morgan Center Business Park in Hartselle, AL.

Polyplex USA held a ground breaking ceremony for its \$90.6 million expansion of their Decatur, AL facility. This project will create 100 new jobs.

Updates (Continued)

Madison County

Huntsville International Airport has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as the first commercial airport in the U.S. to receive a license to land commercial space vehicles.

The Port of Huntsville offers a new direct cargo service to Brazil with its LATAM Star route. This route provides the relief needed for a congested supply chain by offering a direct cargo load by DSV Air & Sea at the Huntsville International Airport. Weekly morning departures from Huntsville are scheduled to arrive the same day in Brazil.

Marshall County

City Harbor, the new multimillion-dollar dining, retail and entertainment hub located in Guntersville, AL is making an economic impact for the city. The development includes an 8,500 SF event space, 7 restaurants/bars, home décor retail, 20 short-term rentals at the City Harbor Suites, and 50 public boating docks. Plans of a 90-room hotel were recently approved bringing the total investment to \$30 million.



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