

HEADLINES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New

Colbert County

Bank Independent will invest \$60 million to build a state-of-the-art Operations Center in Muscle Shoals, AL. The 95,000 SF, four-level complex will be built on 50 acres of former TVA property. The complex will allow Bank Independent to move all operations staff under one roof. The teams are currently spread out over five buildings in the Shoals. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Spring of 2025.



Expanding

Limestone County

R.O.W. Manufacturing, Inc., a family owned machine shop and supplier to local automotive plants, will invest \$522,000 on an expansion to add new equipment to its facility located in Breeding Industrial Park. This expansion will create 5 jobs.

Madison County

CFD Research held a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony on August 24, 2022 for its \$8 million, 13,265 SF laboratory expansion. The new lab space located in Huntsville, AL is dedicated in honor of CFD Research's late founder, Dr. Ashok K. Singhal.



Morgan County

M & J Precision, a professional machine and fabrication business located in Decatur, will purchase and install new equipment. This expansion primarily supports the defense, space and aerospace industries.

Media

Manufacturing Hubs (MID-SIZED MSAs)

- 1 ELKHART, IN
- 2 RENO, NV
- 3 SPARTANBURG, SC
- 4 LAKE CHARLES, LA
- 5 WAUSAU, WI
- 6 DECATUR, AL

In the 2022 Metro Rankings Report, *Business Facilities Magazine* ranked Decatur MSA #6 of the Top Ten Best Manufacturing Hubs of mid-sized MSA's.

Education & Training

Cullman County

Wallace State Community College, located in Hanceville, AL, earned an Apprenticeship Ambassador designation by the U.S. Department of Labor. This initiative seeks to create a national network of employers, labor organizations, industry association, program sponsors, educators, workforce intermediaries, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to serve as champions for expanding and diversifying Registered Apprenticeships. Wallace State currently supports apprentices in a variety of occupations, including a newly launched Registered Nursing Apprenticeship Program.



Promoting North Alabama

On August 18, 2022 NAIDA held its Quarterly Board Meeting at the Cook Museum of Natural Science. We would like to thank our NAIDA Board Members and North Alabama partners for joining us in support of our region.



Expanding (Continued)

Morgan County

United Launch Alliance will invest \$300 million to add 500,000 SF to its Decatur, AL facility. This expansion will include new equipment, building improvements & infrastructure to support the partnership with Amazon. Amazon will use ULA's next-generation Vulcan rocket for 38 launches to deploy its Kuiper broadband satellites. This project will create around 250 new jobs. The expansion is expected to be complete by April 2026.



Updates

HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology

Held a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 27, 2022 for its Center for Plant Science and Sustainable Agriculture Greenhouse and Educational Learning Labs. The 14,000 SF glass greenhouse is equipped with two lab spaces, seven grow rooms, and several technologically advanced features rarely found in other greenhouses. The facility will help researchers to advance the use of genomics to strengthen agriculture.



Updates

Limestone County

Fairway Investments and Triad Properties have purchased land to build a two million-SF industrial park off Greenbriar Parkway in Huntsville. The name of the park will be the Huntsville West Industrial Park. This 135-acre property is adjacent to Amazon, Vuteq, and is near Polaris, the Target fulfillment center, and the Mazda-Toyota manufacturing plant. The new Industrial Park will have access to Interstates 65 and 565. The Fairway-Triad joint venture plans to develop distribution, warehouse, and logistics space on a speculative and build-to-suit basis. Building sizes will range from 250,000 to 400,000 SF, with the site plan offering the capability to develop a 650,000 SF bulk distribution facility.



Madison County

Boeing has been awarded a \$5.2 billion contract by the Missile Defense Agency for system integration, test and readiness work under its Ground-based Midcourse Defense program, responsible for defending the U.S. homeland from intermediate and long-range ballistic missile threats.

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