

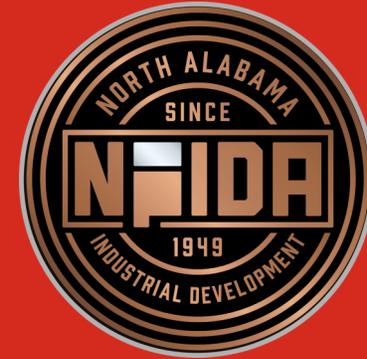
Did you know?

Between Brooks, Jason, and Paige, NAIDA brings nearly **80 years** of experience in industrial development across North Alabama—and somehow Paige is still impressively young! **Give 'em a call. They can help.**



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Welcomes

Lilly

Q4 2025

New Investment

Limestone County

A Game-Changer for North Alabama:

Lilly's \$6,000,000,000 Next-Gen Pharma Facility Chose Huntsville

Representing the largest initial investment in Alabama history, Eli Lilly's next-generation pharmaceutical manufacturing campus at Greenbrier South will produce synthetic and peptide medicines, including Lilly's first oral small molecule GLP-1 therapy, orforglipron. This new Lilly campus will strengthen U.S. pharmaceutical supply chains while creating lasting regional economic benefits, including the creation of 450 high-value jobs.



Recent Developments

Huntsville International Airport is expanding its parking deck with an additional 1,415 new spaces as part of a \$57M upgrade to keep up with record-breaking passenger growth. This project is part of the airport's broader "HSV Refresh" initiative, which also includes a concourse renovation and a new firefighting station.

"500 destinations... 18 nonstop and 482 only one stop away. One stop to the world." - X post by Huntsville International Airport

The Port of Huntsville International Intermodal Center completed the 2nd busiest year of activity in the past 17 years, and 7th busiest overall since opening in 1986 with 33,309 total rail lifts for 2025.

Toyota Alabama Launches Differential Production in Huntsville.

Three new differentials for the Tacoma, Tundra, and Sequoia are now being assembled at Toyota's Huntsville facility as part of a previously announced \$282 million investment that created 350 new jobs. The new production lines expand the plant's capabilities beyond engines supplied for seven of the nine Toyota vehicles assembled in North America and reinforce Toyota's long-term commitment to Huntsville and U.S. manufacturing.

Toyota Alabama's total Huntsville investment now exceeds \$1.7 billion.

Media

Alabama ranked #8 overall in the *Area Development 2025 Top States for Business*; Alabama's rankings included #3 in **Overall Cost of Doing Business**, and #1 in **Favorable Property Tax**.

Huntsville was recognized by *Colliers* as one of the **Top 10 Emerging Industrial Markets To Watch** in the U.S.

According to *worldatlas.com* North Alabama is home to three of Alabama's eight **Most Inviting Towns** (*Fort Payne, Florence & Muscle Shoals*), and three of Alabama's eight **Ideal Destinations For A Three-day Weekend** (*Florence, Muscle Shoals & Tusculmbia*).

Recent Developments

Boeing Huntsville, announced a \$2.7 B multi-year contract for PAC-3 seeker assemblies production (*the "hit-to-kill" guidance system unit or the "eyes" of the missile, allowing it to track and destroy targets*). This agreement represents the delivery of a record number of these components for the Patriot Missile System—750 per year through 2030.

Fratco, a corrugated plastic pipe manufacturing company, has officially broken ground on a state-of-the-art production facility in Fort Payne, AL creating 50-60 new jobs.

Lockheed Martin has opened a new 17,000 SF Hypersonics System Integration Lab in Huntsville—a \$17 M investment accelerating next-gen deterrence capabilities & strengthening US hypersonic innovation & defense.



Alabama A&M University, Alabama's largest HBCU has achieved record enrollment (7,808) for the 3rd consecutive year.

Higher Education Investments

Major construction projects are underway at UAH (\$47.6 M **Center for Cybersecurity Research, Education & Advanced Training**) and Calhoun Community College in Decatur (\$17 M **Student Union Building**).

Industry Expansions

DeKalb County

G2 Supply, LLC, a wood container and pallet manufacturer headquartered in Fort Payne, purchased the 180,000SF Shaw building in Valley Head to consolidate four of their current locations (*in Fort Payne*). This move represented an investment of \$4,445,000 with the creation of an additional 60 jobs. Three of the company's current locations will remain in Fort Payne.

Limestone County

Asahi Kasei Plastics North America, Inc, specializing in compounding high-performance engineered polymers and chemically coupled polypropylene resins, is investing \$1.5 M in their Athens facility.

Cast Products, Inc. (CPI), is adding 25 employees. CPI specializes in design, engineering, and production of custom aluminum castings for the OEM, emergency vehicle, trucking, and marine industries.

Exalta (formerly Intech/Turner Medical), a medical devices manufacturer is investing \$900,000 in their Athens facility creating 39 new jobs.

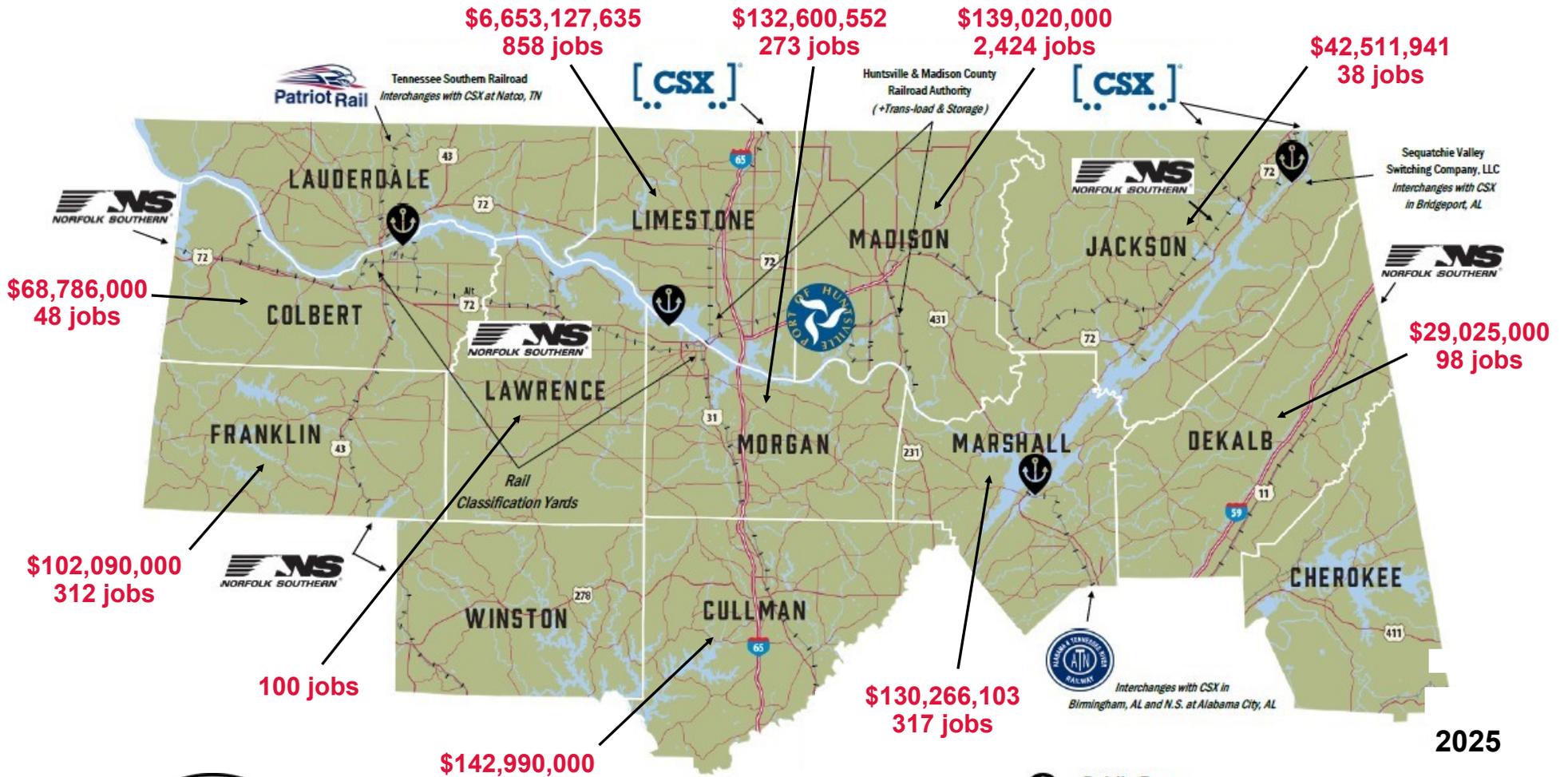
North Alabama Laser Fab, Inc, in Lester, AL, specializes in laser cutting, welding, metal bending and fabrication, powder coating and metal stampings. Their \$1 M investment will create 8 new jobs.

Morgan County

J.M. Smucker Co. is investing \$28 M in its pet food manufacturing facility in Decatur, including \$21.4 M for a 17,000 SF expansion of its admin building, a 9,000 SF expansion of a building that will house new manufacturing equipment, and a \$6.6 M investment in new equipment.

M & J Industries is investing \$9.6 M and creating 44 new jobs. Their company Precision Machine & Tool, will invest \$6.2 M and create 28 jobs, and at Tanksley Machine they will invest \$3.4 M in equipment creating 16 jobs.

North Alabama New & Expanded Industry



2025



Barges access ports throughout the Midwest and can also reach deep water in the Gulf of Mexico in 3.5 days



Public Port
Florence, Decatur, Guntersville, Bridgeport



International Intermodal Center
Int'l Air Cargo / Containerized Rail
Inland port of entry for International Air Cargo

Capital Investment
\$7,440,417,231

Additional Jobs
4,811