

Did You Know?



NAIDA is powered by Public Power.

The North Alabama Industrial Development Association was created by the locally owned distributors of TVA power. NAIDA is an alliance of the members of the North Alabama Public Power Association (NAPPA)—a unified network of municipal and cooperative utilities committed to advancing industrial growth across the region. Together, these locally governed providers deliver reliable, competitive energy while working in alignment to support site selection, infrastructure readiness, and long-term economic development success. Through this partnership, NAIDA serves as a regional resource—marketing regional benefits and facilitating industry site selectors, in support of our communities—to position North Alabama as a premier location for advanced manufacturing and strategic investment.



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North Alabama is now part of one of the
most critical supply chains in the United States:



U.S. Navy nuclear submarine production.

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New Investment

A Game-Changer for North Alabama:

Hadrian Chooses The Shoals for Next-Generation Submarine Production

In a strategic win for **The Shoals** and **Colbert County**, North Alabama has secured a major defense manufacturing project supporting U.S. naval expansion. Hadrian, a defense-focused advanced manufacturer, has opened a new advanced manufacturing facility in Cherokee, Alabama, supporting U.S. Navy Columbia- and Virginia-class submarine programs. The \$2.4 billion public-private investment combines more than \$1.5 billion in private capital with \$900 million in federal funding to strengthen the nation's maritime industrial base.

The highly automated "Factory 4" will mass-produce critical submarine components, helping address long-standing production capacity challenges and accelerate shipbuilding timelines. Located in a repurposed 2.2 million-square-foot site in the Shoals region, the facility is expected to create up to 1,000 high-quality jobs.

Leveraging advanced technologies like robotics, AI, and machine learning, Hadrian's platform is designed to rapidly train workers and boost productivity, reinforcing domestic manufacturing capabilities while supporting national defense priorities.

North Alabama is proud to be selected by Hadrian for this \$2.4 billion 'Factory of the Future,' reinforcing the region's role in next-generation manufacturing and national defense.



OPENING FACTORY 4
IN CHEROKEE, ALABAMA



\$2 BILLION INVESTMENT + 1,000+ NEW JOBS

Recent Developments

Congratulations to Honda Alabama on building 7 million vehicles since 2001. North Alabama is home to so many outstanding Honda suppliers, impacting almost all of our 13 counties. Today, Honda Alabama builds the Honda Odyssey, Passport, Pilot, and Ridgeline.

United Launch Alliance is celebrating a different kind of "launch". Their new vessel, ***Space Ship*** has been added to its fleet and is now in the water soon to be transporting rockets from Decatur, Alabama to launch sites. As the sister vessel to ***Rocket Ship***, it enhances a critical logistics link supporting America's space and national security missions.

United Launch Alliance's Centaur V has been selected by NASA as the upper stage for Artemis IV and V, helping power humanity's return to the Moon. This decision integrates ULA's flight-proven system into a standardized Space Launch System configuration.

Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Unit 3 has safely returned to the TVA electric grid, marking the successful completion of a scheduled refueling and maintenance outage. With all 3 units, Browns Ferry can produce up to 3,954 MW of electricity.

Tennessee Valley Authority's Power Service Shops in The Shoals have expanded with the installation of a Pietro-Carnaghi Vertical Turning Lathe, a highly specialized machine capable of machining massive components with extreme precision. As one of only five in the U.S., it significantly increases TVA's in-house capabilities to maintain and support large-scale generation assets.

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Fueled by its aerospace and defense ecosystem, ***Huntsville ranks #2 nationally for AI job growth*** per *CoworkingCafe*—further solidifying its position as a leading innovation market.

Huntsville earned a top 10 national ranking for jobs in 2026 from *WalletHub*, underscoring its economic strength. The designation highlights a balanced job market supported by growth, stability, and opportunity.

The ***Huntsville MSA's*** top-tier placement in the *Milken Institute's Best-Performing Cities 2026* report reflects its continued economic momentum and resilience among increasing cost pressures in an environment where metropolitan areas fuel nearly all U.S. growth.

Industry Expansions

GE Aerospace has announced a \$55 million investment reinforcing its presence in advanced aerospace manufacturing. This expansion in **Huntsville—Limestone County** will support the growing demand for next-generation aircraft materials, further strengthening North Alabama's position as a global leader in aerospace innovation.

Raytheon (RTX) is boosting its missile output with a \$115 million expansion on **Redstone Arsenal**. The new 26,000 SF facility increases production capacity by 50%, affirming North Alabama's key role in our national defense.

Blue Origin has announced a \$71.4 million expansion of its **Huntsville—Madison County** operations. This project—its fourth expansion locally—reinforces Huntsville's critical role in next-generation space propulsion and advanced aerospace manufacturing adding at least 105 new jobs.

Letco Medical, LLC, a compounding pharmaceutical company located in **Decatur—Morgan County**, is making a \$4.56 million expansion for improvements to its existing facility to build larger cleanrooms. This project is expected to add 18 jobs over the next three years.

Nucor Towers & Structures has announced the addition of a hot-dip galvanizing line at its facility in **Decatur—Morgan County**, representing an additional \$112.75 million investment. The expansion is expected to create 24 new jobs and further enhance the facility's production capabilities. Completion of the project is anticipated by October.

Recent Developments

Randy Jones of Guntersville has officially been sworn in as a member of the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors, representing Alabama and helping restore a full governing quorum. With decades of leadership experience, including 17 years on the Guntersville Electric Board, Jones brings a strong local power and business perspective to TVA.



Limestone County continues its remarkable momentum, remaining **Alabama's fastest-growing county for the seventh consecutive year**.

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Dayton T Brown Inc., announced a new 104,000-SF Aerospace & Defense Testing Facility in **Huntsville—Madison County**. This new investment strengthens support for critical U.S. missile defense and aerospace programs.

SPX Technologies has announced plans for a new \$118 million project in **Huntsville—Limestone County** which will include a 460,000 SF operation focused on large-scale cooling and air-handling equipment for data centers and is expected to create approximately 350 new jobs.

Mikewill Automation, is establishing a new facility in **Guntersville—Marshall County**. This project includes a capital investment of \$501,000 and is expected to create 14 new jobs, supporting the region's continued momentum in technology-driven manufacturing.

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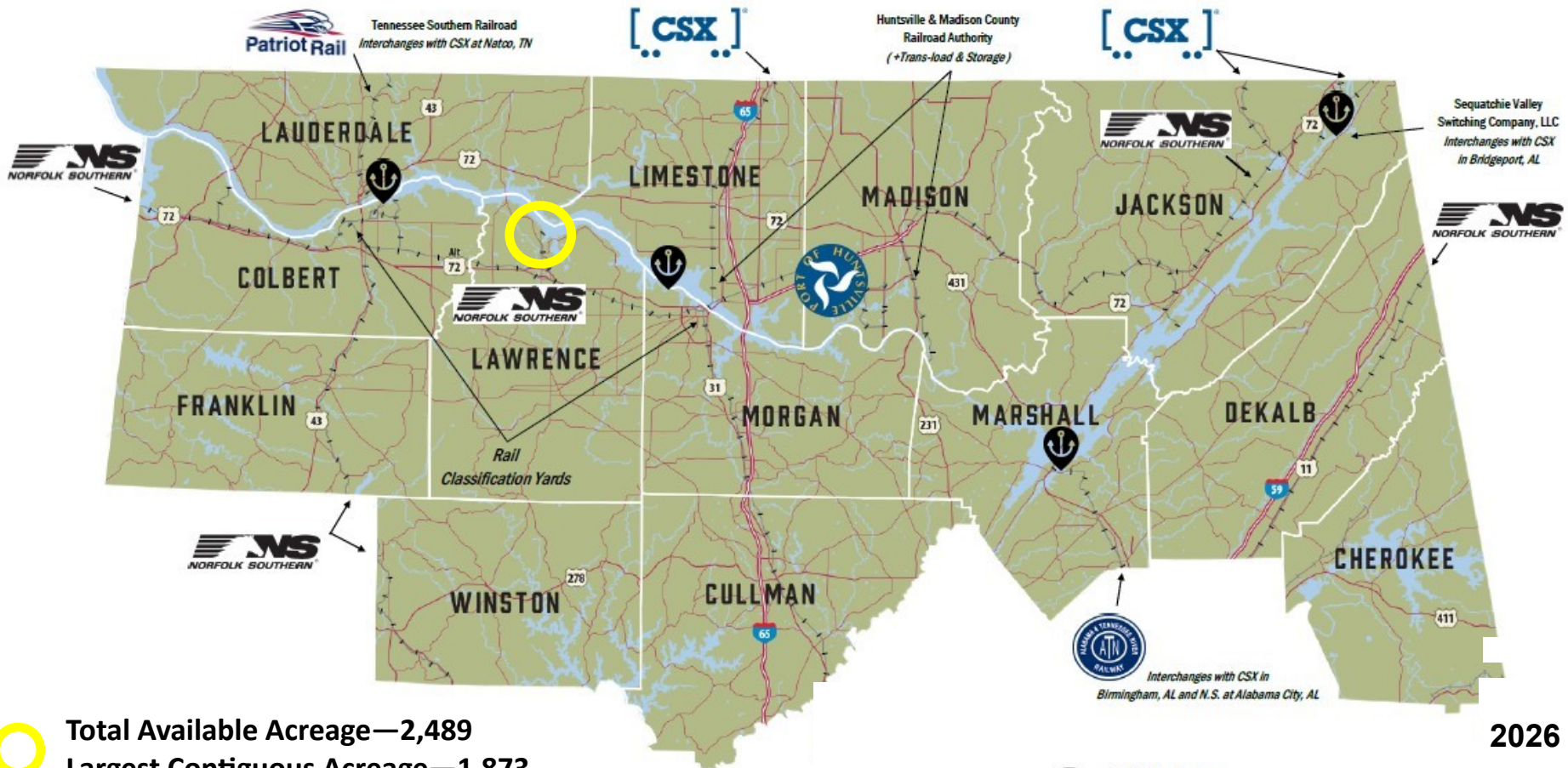
Phōs Window has announced a \$21 million expansion of its manufacturing operations in **Fort Payne—DeKalb County**, significantly scaling its vinyl window production. This project is expected to create more than 100 new jobs while more than tripling the size of the company's existing facility.



Siemens Energy has announced a \$15 million expansion of its **Fort Payne—DeKalb County** facility, reinforcing its growing role in advanced energy manufacturing. The project will create 120 new jobs and expand production of critical components used in power generation systems.

Norfolk Southern Acquires Former International Paper Site

—North Alabama's Largest Rail-Served Site—



 **Total Available Acreage—2,489**
Largest Contiguous Acreage—1,873

Norfolk Southern has purchased the former International Paper site along the Tennessee River in Lawrence County, Alabama—marking a significant step toward repositioning one of North Alabama's largest legacy industrial properties for future investment. The acquisition signals their long-term commitment to enhancing rail-served industrial development in the region, with the site offering strategic multimodal advantages and the scale needed to support major manufacturing projects. Positioned in the heart of the Tennessee Valley, the property is expected to play a key role in attracting new industry and accelerating economic growth across North Alabama.