

EXPANDING COMPANIES

17

NEW JOBS

586

NEW INVESTMENT

\$707,538,034

2022 Top Ten Best Manufacturing Hubs - July/August Business Facilities Magazine



ACT Work Ready Community Status Maintained February 2022



ULA Breaks Ground on \$317 Million Facilities to Increase Rocket Production



ULA held a ground-breaking ceremony on October 27, 2022 for the company’s new \$317 million warehouse and an additional factory facility. The expansion will allow ULA to nearly double its launch rate, according to company officials.

The new buildings will serve to support ULA’s contract with Amazon for Project Kuiper, an ambitious global broadband connectivity effort aimed at providing high-speed internet services to underserved areas around the world.

Beyond Gravity, a major supplier to ULA, will provide 38 payload fairings for the Vulcan rocket which will be utilized for the project. The investment will result in the creation of approximately 200 jobs.

ULA President and CEO Tory Bruno expressed the rocket manufacturer’s gratitude for the support it has received from community leadership.

Major Projects Currently Under Construction Throughout Morgan County

After multiple announcements and groundbreakings, millions of new construction projects are coming out of the ground in Morgan County.

Projects such as Steel Technologies, Polyplex, and Cerrowire are in various stages of construction since their initial announcements. In addition, they continue to work towards start-up by receiving and installing new machinery and equipment at their new facilities.

As each is completed, their employment ramp up will continue to provide new jobs and wages to the citizens of our community and further strengthen the economy of Morgan County and the north Alabama region.



Schmid Joins MCEDA & Port Authority Team

Marley Schmid was hired as our new project manager. Marley is responsible for providing business recruitment, existing industry support, workforce, and project management activities to support commercial, office, industrial, and port development.



Schmid is a Decatur native, and a graduate of Auburn University. Her extensive experience working with businesses and industries during her seven years at Decatur Morgan County Tourism, as well as her community involvement, are valuable assets to our mission.

Vinson Celebrates 35 Years of Service

Cindy Vinson has been an irreplaceable part of the MCEDA & Port Authority Team for over 35 years.



As our Research Administrator, Cindy is responsible for updating area demographic and statistical information and preparing information proposals for prospective companies looking to locate in Morgan County.

Cindy, a native of Lawrence County, received a B.S. in Business from Judson College in 1986. We appreciate Cindy's 35 years of dedication to our economic development efforts!

AIDT Military Transition Programs Helping Meet Workforce Demands

MCEDA is working with AIDT on their Military Transition program that is designed to connect military members, veterans, and their spouses, who are transitioning to civilian careers, with training programs that offer in-demand skills and career opportunities. This training is in-person and issued at AIDT's training centers or through their company partners, Skillbridge and Operation Next.



Completion of this training may lead to direct hiring with one of our partnering Alabama companies. If interested contact the MCEDA office.

