



Top Job Creation and Investment Projects 2008

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Volkswagen Group of America Chattanooga, Tennessee

Volkswagen Group of America's \$1 billion automotive production facility in Chattanooga will create 2,000 good-paying jobs and generate more than \$12 billion of economic growth in related sectors. The plant will start producing a midsize sedan designed specifically for the North American consumer in 2011.

"Volkswagen Group is committed to the North American market," said Stefan Jacoby, CEO of Volkswagen Group of America. "Chattanooga is an excellent fit for the Volkswagen culture, with an exceptional quality of life and a long manufacturing tradition."

Amazon.com Dedic Llc Hazleton, Pennsylvania

Amazon.com will hire about 1,100 workers over the next three years at its new distribution center in Hazleton. The \$20 million facility will occupy more than 600,000 square feet in the Humboldt Industrial Park.

"The center will help us serve our customers in the Northeast more efficiently," said Mike McKenna, Amazon's vice president of North American fulfillment. Pennsylvania offered Amazon.com a \$1.25 million opportunity grant and \$500,000 in job training programs.

Spirit AeroSystems Lenoir County, North Carolina

Spirit AeroSystems is building a \$570 million plant in Kinston to manufacture components for the Airbus 350 XWB, an extra-wide passenger jet. The company expects to employ about 1,000 people over the next five to seven years.

Eighteen months of negotiations were required to close the deal between Spirit and the state of North Carolina. A major reason Spirit chose North Carolina was its closer location to Airbus operations in Europe compared to Spirit's other facilities in Kansas.

Hewlett-Packard Conway, Arkansas

Meadows Office & Technology Park in southern Conway will be home to Hewlett-Packard's 150,000-square-foot, \$38 million customer service and technical support center. Total payroll for the 1,200 new jobs is about \$60 million a year, with an average salary of \$50,000.

Economic incentives from the state included \$10 million for infrastructure improvements. "The commitment by the state's political, business and educational leadership is one of the reasons Arkansas earned its way to the top of the list for HP investment," said Gary Fazzino, Hewlett-Packard's vice president of government and public affairs.

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TriEnda Chooses Grant County, Indiana

TriEnda, LLC, a privately held manufacturer of thermoformed plastics, will invest over \$20 million in a 200,000-square-foot facility in Marion, creating 342 jobs. State and local officials pulled the deal together in a mere two months, meeting the company's accelerated timeline and providing \$2.7 million in incentives and credits.

New Chinese Joint Venture in Columbus, Indiana

Columbus-based LHP Technologies has partnered with the Chinese company Techtop Industries to create Techtop LHP, which is building a \$7.3 million logistics and manufacturing facility in Columbus that will employ 62 workers when it's fully operational in 2012. The company is located in the 150-acre Woodside Northwest Industrial Park, which opened officially in the spring of 2008. All told, LHP is creating 325 new jobs in Columbus.

Cummins Inc. Expands in Columbus, Indiana

Cummins Inc. will add approximately 500 professional employees to its work force during the next two years and will occupy an office facility being built as part of a downtown Columbus redevelopment project to meet the

expected growth. The four-story, 100,000-square-foot building is scheduled to be completed in early 2009. The project also includes a parking garage for Cummins employees; both structures are located just south of the Cummins worldwide headquarters.

Global Gear Manufacturer Locates in Delaware County, Indiana

Brevini — Italian designer and manufacturer of planetary gear drive applications for heavy equipment, utility, mining and marine applications — is investing \$62.5 million in locating its North American headquarters, design, and manufacturing operations to Park One, near Muncie, Indiana, creating 455 jobs manufacturing planetary gear boxes for wind turbines and other specialized applications.

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