



(Left-right) N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla, President of Novo Nordisk Inc. USA Jesper Høiland, and Gov. Pat McCrory celebrate Novo Nordisk's decision to expand in Johnston County

Novo Nordisk to Invest Well Over \$1 billion in North Carolina

Governor Pat McCrory, North Carolina Commerce Secretary John E. Skvarla, III, and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) announced August 26 that Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., will create approximately 700 jobs at a new bio-manufacturing facility in Johnston County. The company will invest from \$1.2 to \$1.7 billion at its local site over the next five years.

"This billion-dollar decision by Novo Nordisk more than doubles the size of its North Carolina workforce and underscores the Research Triangle's global leadership in bio-manufacturing," said Governor McCrory. "When it comes to life sciences and manufacturing, North Carolina can compete - and win - against any location in the world."

Denmark-based Novo Nordisk is a leading global manufacturer of insulin and related diabetes treatment products. Founded in 1923, the company employs 39,700 people across 75 countries. The new North Carolina plant will manufacture active pharmaceutical ingredients for its diabetes care products. Previously, the company had manufactured its active ingredients only in Denmark.

"North Carolina continues to excel as a destination for foreign direct investment," said Secretary Skvarla. "Our strong life sciences infrastructure, talented workforce, competitive costs and enviable quality-of-life make our state the ideal place for major investments by visionary global companies like Novo



TTI Floor Care Bringing 200 Jobs to Mecklenburg Co.

The marketer and manufacturer of the iconic floor care brands Hoover, Dirt Devil and Oreck is locating to Charlotte and will create 200 jobs over the coming two years, investing up to \$5 million for a new Center of Excellence for Marketing & Innovation in Mecklenburg County.

TTI Floor Care, a global leader in consumer and commercial floor care appliances, made the announcement along with the state on August 25.

"We welcome TTI Floor Care and its storied brands to our state," said Governor Pat McCrory. "North Carolina, and specifically the Charlotte metro region, is a prime location for consumer products companies like TTI Floor Care to be successful."

"Following an extensive evaluation process, we chose Charlotte because it provides access to talent with the critical consumer products expertise needed to fuel the growth of our iconic brands," said Gary Scott, President of TTI Floor Care North America. "We want to express our appreciation to Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and the state of North Carolina for supporting our expansion into the region."

An award from the state's Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) program to TTI Floor Care helped make the project possible. The award may total as much as \$3.7 million from 2016 through 2027 upon the creation of 200 jobs. Approximately \$1.2 million in additional funds from the company's award

Nordisk."

Novo Nordisk currently employs more than 700 people at an insulin production plant in Clayton, near where it plans to construct its new facility. Its existing facility opened in 1996 and has since undergone several expansions, most recently in 2013. Jobs at its new production site will average \$68,420 in annual compensation. Johnston County's overall average wage currently equals \$34,448 per year. New positions will span manufacturing, administrative, technical services and support personnel.

An award from the state's Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) program to Novo Nordisk helped make the project possible, as voted by the state Economic Investment Committee. Over 12 years, the JDIG could yield aggregate benefits to Novo Nordisk of \$15.8 million upon the creation of approximately 700 jobs.

More than \$5.2 million in additional funds from the company's JDIG award could go to the state's Utility Fund for infrastructure improvements in less populated counties. When a JDIG is awarded to a company whose site is located in the state's more populated, economically prosperous counties such as Johnston, a percentage of the company's grant is allocated to the Utility Fund to encourage economic development in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.

In addition to [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of N.C.](#), other partners that helped with this project include [Duke Energy](#), the [N.C. Biotechnology Center](#), the [North Carolina Community College System](#), the [N.C. Department of Transportation](#), [Johnston County](#), [Johnston County Economic Development Corporation](#), and the [Town of Clayton](#).

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Specialty Pharmaceutical Company Expands in Pitt County with 110 New Jobs

An expansion by Mayne Pharma at its Greenville site will add 110 jobs and bring an investment of \$65 million for a new oral dose manufacturing facility and related equipment during the next five years.

Governor Pat McCrory made the announcement August 27.

"Mayne Pharma has a 30-year track record of innovation and success in developing pharmaceutical products, and the company's plans to expand facilities and services in eastern North Carolina are key to its business development efforts worldwide," said Governor McCrory. "This important expansion speaks volumes about the appeal our state has for companies at every stage of their growth."

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"North Carolina's talent, global accessibility and competitive business costs are bringing 200 exciting career opportunities to Charlotte," said N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla. "This announcement is proof that our state remains a prime destination for 21st Century businesses."

In addition to [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of N.C.](#), other partners that helped with this project include the [North Carolina Community College System](#), [NCWorks](#), [Mecklenburg County](#), the [City of Charlotte](#) and [Charlotte Chamber of Commerce](#).

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Albemarle Corporation Coming to Charlotte Bringing 120 Jobs For New Corporate Headquarters

Albemarle Corporation, currently based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has selected Charlotte as the location for its corporate headquarters creating 120 new jobs in Mecklenburg County. The company, which develops, manufactures and markets specialty chemicals for a broad array of industrial buyers around the globe will invest \$12.9 million by 2016.

"North Carolina is the ideal location for headquarters operations of globally-connected businesses like Albemarle Corporation," said Governor Pat McCrory. "Today's announcement means that we can add another prominent name to the state's growing list of elite companies basing their headquarters here."

Founded in 1994, Albemarle has a global workforce of 6,900 employees. Its value-added chemical products have a wide range of applications, including consumer electronics, flame retardants, metal processing, plastics, transportation, refining, pharmaceuticals, agriculture and construction. The company serves customers in approximately 100 countries.

"This is the fourth time in five months we've announced a corporate headquarters relocation in North Carolina," said N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla. Dimensional Fund Advisors and Lidl announced in July plans to relocate regional headquarters to Mecklenburg and Alamance counties, respectively. In April, CBC Americas launched plans for its corporate headquarters in Wake County. "In each instance, our international accessibility, ability to attract and retain high-caliber talent,

Metrics Contract Services, founded in Greenville in 1994, began as a laboratory providing analytical chemistry services to pharmaceutical companies. It has grown into a full-service pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures and markets branded and generic products. In 2012, Metrics was acquired by Mayne Pharma, a publicly held (ASX: MYX) specialty pharmaceutical company headquartered in Adelaide, Australia. Mayne Pharma's \$65-million expansion plans in Greenville include the construction of 126,000 square feet of new FDA-compliant space for use in large-scale oral and solid-dose manufacturing.

The project was made possible in part by a performance-based grant of up to \$550,000 from the One North Carolina Fund. The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. One NC grants also require and are contingent on financial matches from local governments.

"North Carolina is a leader in life sciences, manufacturing and R&D, and this exciting announcement by Mayne Pharma highlights our competitiveness in all three endeavors," said N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla. "With the choice of Pitt County to grow its workforce and invest significantly, Mayne Pharma is demonstrating that these three knowledge-based industries can thrive in every part of our state."

Numerous state and local allies worked with [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of N.C.](#) in supporting Mayne Pharma's expansion plans. Other partners include the [North Carolina Community College System](#), [Pitt Community College](#), [Golden Leaf Foundation](#), [Pitt County](#), [Pitt County Economic Development Commission](#), [Pitt County Committee of 100](#), [City of Greenville](#), and [Greenville Utilities](#).

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North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority Approves Grants to Support 330 New Jobs

The North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) approved 14 grants or loans on August 20, totaling nearly \$4.6 million with the commitment of 330 new jobs.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/loans approved include:

- **Edgecombe County:** A \$500,000 loan to support Wada Farms' reuse of a building vacant for four years. The company plans to create 25 jobs.
- **City of Lumberton (Robeson County):** A \$495,041 grant to demolish two dilapidated industrial buildings constructed in 1928 and 1946. The buildings require abatement of lead-based paint and asbestos prior to demolition. Neither building generates property tax revenue. City officials plan to market the cleared properties for use as light industrial and warehouse operations.

The Industrial Development Fund Utility Account grants approved include:

- **Onslow County:** A grant of \$1,243,875 to improve

appealing communities and enviable quality of life made the difference," said Secretary Skvarla.

"As we look at the ever-increasing demands for communication, collaboration and mobility for our employees and our customers, Charlotte is the best strategic location to base the new Albemarle," said Luke Kissam, Albemarle's president and chief executive officer. "We are looking forward to expanding our presence in North Carolina, and becoming an even more significant partner in the communities where we live and operate in the state. Albemarle employees are known not only for the innovative products they deliver on the job, but even more so for the countless hours and millions of dollars they donate to enhance our communities through the Albemarle Foundation. Albemarle and North Carolina will be great partners."

An award from the state's Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) program to Albemarle Corporation helped make the project possible. Under the terms of the company's grant, over 12 years the JDIG could yield aggregate benefits of more than \$2 million for the company, provided the creation of 120 jobs is certified. Approximately \$680,000 in additional funds from the company's JDIG award could be added to the state's Utility Fund for infrastructure improvements in less populated counties.

In addition to [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of N.C.](#), other partners that helped with this project include the [North Carolina Community College System](#), [NCWorks](#), the [City of Charlotte](#), the [Charlotte Chamber of Commerce](#), the [Charlotte Regional Partnership](#), and [Mecklenburg County](#).

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Associated Materials Will Invest \$4.5 Million and Add 72 New Jobs in Lenoir County Expansion

Associated Materials, LLC, a manufacturer of residential building products, will expand its Lenoir County manufacturing operations. The project will create 72 jobs at the company's facility in Kinston, along with a capital investment of \$4.5 million over three years.

"Associated Materials is a leading supplier of premium building products and it has chosen a high-quality location as the site of its latest expansion," said Governor Pat McCrory on August 24. "The company has been a valued member of North Carolina's manufacturing economy since 1988, and we're proud that

infrastructure and support the expansion of N.A. Burton Business & Industrial Park, opening more than 100 acres of quality industrial land for new development, job creation and economic investment.

- **Town of Henderson (Vance County):** A grant of \$90,955 to extend city water service in support of an expansion by Jerry's Artarama, creating 50 jobs.

Building Reuse Program grants/loans approved:

- **City of Graham (Alamance County):** \$400,000 to support Peak of Graham, LLC, a family-owned nursing care facility that will construct 70,000 square feet of space and create 40 new jobs.
- **Montgomery County:** \$200,000 to support Sandy Ridge Memory Care & Assisted Living's 10,000 square-foot expansion with plans to create 20 new jobs.
- **Beaufort County:** \$319,762 to support a 15,000 square-foot expansion by Oak Ridge Metal Works at its site in Washington, creating 32 new jobs.
- **Burke County:** \$200,000 to support an expansion by SpartaCraft in Connelly Springs, creating 20 new jobs.
- **Cherokee County:** \$86,250 to support TEAM Industries' expansion of a building in Andrews. The grant supports a total investment of \$576,813 being made at the property, creating 9 jobs.
- **The Town of Mocksville (Davie County):** \$500,000 to support Avgol American's expansion, creating 50 jobs.
- **Town of Marshall (Madison County):** \$75,000 to support Buchi Tea's reuse of a building in Marshall. Buchi Tea plans to create 6 jobs.
- **Robeson County:** \$125,000 to support Smith's Refrigeration's reuse of a building located in Lumberton, creating 10 jobs.

Economic Infrastructure Projects approved:

- **City of Washington (Beaufort County):** A \$100,000 grant for water and sewer infrastructure that will allow New Age Properties Group, LLC, to open an 87-room hotel in Washington, creating 20 jobs.
- **City of Monroe (Union County):** A \$237,500 grant for water and sewer infrastructure to support an expansion by ATI Specialty Materials. The grant supports a total investment of \$70,424,000 being made at the site, creating 48 jobs.



The RIA was established as part of the Rural Economic Development Division at the N.C. Department of Commerce to assist with the review and approval of grants for rural areas in the state. For more information on how your community can benefit from these funds, visit our website at nccommerce.com/rd.

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our state will continue to play a key part in its success."

Founded in 1947, Associated Materials manufactures and distributes exterior residential building products to buyers across the United States and Canada. Its products trade under the brand names Alpine Windows, Alside, Gentek, Ultraguard, Preservation and Revere.

"North Carolina's manufacturing economy continues to lead the Southeast as this expansion by Associated Materials demonstrates," said N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla. "Today's announcement also showcases the value of teamwork as we join with our local and state partners in supporting the ongoing growth of North Carolina's existing industries."

The project was made possible in part by a performance-based grant of up to \$200,000 from the One North Carolina Fund.

In addition to [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of N.C.](#), other partners that helped with this project include the [North Carolina Community College System](#), [NCWorks](#), [Lenoir County Economic Development](#), [Lenoir County](#), and the [City of Kinston](#).

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Military Supports 578,000 Jobs in North Carolina

The military supports 578,000 jobs in North Carolina and more than two thirds of those jobs are in the private sector, demonstrating the impact of the military ripples across the state's economy and not just concentrated near military installations. Those are the key findings of a new report released August 18 by the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission and the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

"North Carolina has always provided a military-friendly environment to support the work of our servicemen and women," said Governor Pat McCrory. "This report provides clear evidence the military returns important economic support back to our state, which we can never take for granted."

The full report is available [online for download](#).

[Read more about the study.](#)

N.C. in the News



(Left-right) Lee Moritz, Director of Marketing for IOMAX, N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla and Doug Klevisha, Director of Integration for IOMAX

Skvarla Visits IOMAX

On August 27, N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla paid a visit to IOMAX, a full service provider of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) precision strike aircraft. The company, based in Mooresville, participated in the state's exhibit at the Paris Air Show and is part of North Carolina's growing aviation and aerospace industry sector.

- [International tourists flock to mountains, NC](#) (*Citizen-Times* - Asheville - August 31)
- [Study: Boeing's arrival boosted South Carolina aerospace sector past Southern neighbors](#) (*Post & Courier* - Charleston, S.C. - August 28)
- [Program offers incentives for employers willing to train new workers](#) (*WRAL.com* - August 28)
- [GKN Driveline Set for All-Wheel Growth with Grand Opening](#) (*PR Newswire via CNN Money* - August 27)
- [Village Manager Tapped for State Military Commission](#) (*The Pilot* - Southern Pines, N.C. - August 25)

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