



Governor McCrory and Donna Phillips at the North State Aviation announcement in Lenoir County. Phillips served as the state-level developer for the project (Photo: Courtesy of Colleen Chappell).

North State Aviation to Open Maintenance Facility in Lenoir County Creating 109 Jobs

Governor Pat McCrory, N.C. Commerce Secretary John E. Skvarla, III, and the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. announced September 21 that North State Aviation will open an aircraft maintenance center at the North Carolina Global TransPark in Lenoir County, creating 109 new jobs over the next two years. The company will invest \$900,000 over the same period.

"North Carolina is pleased to support North State Aviation as it launches its new presence at the Global TransPark," said Governor McCrory. "Like aviation itself, this company started right here in North Carolina. Its owners and employees have deep roots in the state, and we're proud of their continued success."

North State Aviation, incorporated in 2010, has grown from a Winston-Salem start-up to a company that currently employs more than 400 people. It specializes in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of large transport aircraft. The company counts

Deutsche Bank



DB Global Technology Expansion to Create 250 Jobs in Wake County

DB Global Technology, Inc., which provides software application development and maintenance services in support of Deutsche Bank, will undertake a 250-job expansion over the coming two years at its software application development center in Wake County. The company plans to invest \$9 million there through the end of 2016.

Governor Pat McCrory made the announcement on September 22.

"North Carolina and DB Global Technology both enjoy rich legacies when it comes to innovation in banking and technology," said Governor McCrory. "Our IT talent, competitive costs, great quality of life and convenient proximity by air to New York City will continue to help foster the growth and success of pioneering businesses like DB Global."

Deutsche Bank, founded in Berlin in 1870, established DB Global Technology in 2009. The company's expansion will accommodate a sharpened focus on developing strategic applications and enterprise-wide technology solutions. The company currently employs more than 600 people in Wake County.

"Today's announcement by DB Global Technology illustrates the return North Carolina gets from its proactive support for existing businesses," said Secretary Skvarla. "In working to help move companies like DB Global closer to their strategic goals, we position our state for the additional jobs and capital investment that come with their continued success."

Under the terms of the company's Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG), which was instrumental in the company's decision, DB Global Technology is eligible to receive up to twelve annual reimbursements from a new pool of funds that will be generated from the state personal income tax withholdings from the new jobs. Over twelve years, the

one of the world's largest commercial airlines among its customers. North State Aviation is now the largest tenant at Smith Reynolds Airport in Winston-Salem. Its new facility at the North Carolina Global TransPark will employ 109 workers. Salaries will vary by position, but will average \$39,688 per year. Currently, the average annual wage in Lenoir County is \$32,164.

"North State Aviation's choice of Lenoir County for this new maintenance center is more evidence that North Carolina's competitive costs, ready workforce and accessibility put us on the short list of aerospace and aviation industry destinations," said Secretary Skvarla. "Congratulations to this promising company as it embarks on an exciting new phase of growth."

North State Aviation's new facility at the Global TransPark will serve a client list that includes major commercial airlines. The newly-created positions will include mechanics, inspectors and back-shop utility workers, among other jobs.

"North State Aviation is proud to be a part of the growing aviation business here in North Carolina," said Charlie Creech, president of North State Aviation. "We anticipate continued success and we plan for this expansion at GTP to be another seed operation that will grow in size and scope as our operation in Winston-Salem has done."

The recruitment of North State Aviation was made possible in part by a performance-based grant from the One North Carolina Fund of up to \$250,000. Administered by North Carolina Commerce, the One NC Fund provides financial assistance in support of local governments in creating jobs and attracting economic investment. Companies receive no money upfront and must meet job creation and capital investment targets to qualify for grant funds. All One NC grants require a local government match.

In addition to [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of N.C.](#), other key partners in the project include the [North Carolina Department of Transportation](#), the [North Carolina Global TransPark Authority](#), [NCWorks](#), the [North Carolina Community College System](#), [Lenoir County](#), [Lenoir County Economic Development and the Lenoir County Committee of 100](#).

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Governor McCrory signs a proclamation at GE Aviation's facility in Durham declaring Manufacturing Week in the state.

Governor McCrory Salutes North Carolina

JDIG could yield aggregate benefits to DB Global Technology of \$3.38 million, upon certification that the 250 jobs were actually created.

"We are pleased to expand our footprint in Cary," said Leslie Slover, Head of Deutsche Bank Jacksonville and Cary, N.C. "Deutsche Bank is proud of the work we are accomplishing in Cary and we will continue to strategically invest in the region and build upon our investment in the community."

In addition to [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of N.C.](#), other key partners in the project include the [North Carolina Community College System](#), the [Cary Chamber of Commerce](#), the [Town of Cary](#), and [Wake County Economic Development](#).

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A researcher examines a photomask for a patterning sample at the Chapel Hill Analytical and Nanofabrication Laboratory at UNC-Chapel Hill

Better Access to Nanotechnology Research On The Horizon

The National Science Foundation has awarded a five-year, \$5.5 million grant to a network of North Carolina universities to accelerate the development of nanotechnology-based products and educational opportunities. The new Research Triangle Nanotechnology Network (RTNN) is a partnership between N.C. State University, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"This NSF award acknowledges the strength and growth of North Carolina's nanotech activities," said Dr. John Hardin, Executive Director of the Office of Science, Technology & Innovation at the Department of Commerce. "The award provides further fuel to take the state to the highest level of nanotech research and commercialization."

Nanotechnology is the creation of materials, components, devices, and systems at the near-atomic, or nanometer, level. It is a cross-cutting technology that has the potential to impact almost all major

Manufacturing

Governor Pat McCrory has proclaimed this week, September 28 through October 2, as Manufacturing Week in North Carolina.

Since Governor McCrory took office in January 2013, North Carolina has added more than 230,000 new jobs, including 18,600 in the manufacturing segment alone. Manufacturers employ more than 448,000 North Carolinians.

"North Carolina's manufacturers are an important part of the backbone of this state's economy," said Governor McCrory. "Whether it's in our traditional industries such as textiles or furniture, or in automotive, aerospace or high-tech, North Carolina's manufacturing segment helps make our state a major factor in this country's economic growth."

Yesterday (Sept. 28), Governor McCrory visited the GE Aviation facility in Durham where he signed the proclamation. The company has had a presence in Durham for more than 20 years and manufactures a variety of engines for GE and its joint venture partners. GE Aviation employs more than 370 at its Durham location. Durham is one of four GE Aviation facilities across North Carolina, employing more than 1,400 across the state. The facility has shipped more than 14,000 engines and cores since opening its doors in 1993.

North Carolina ranks first across southeastern states for manufacturing jobs and is home to more than 10,000 manufacturing businesses. Manufacturing remains North Carolina's largest industry sector comprising slightly more than \$88 billion or 20 percent of the state's gross domestic product. Studies show that for every \$1.00 spent in manufacturing, \$1.66 is generated for North Carolina's economy.

"As we work to continue growing North Carolina's economy, manufacturing is an important part of the equation," said Commerce Secretary John E. Skvarla, III. "Whether it is recruiting new industry to the state or helping our existing companies expand, North Carolina's reputation of having the most productive workforce of the top manufacturing states carries a lot of weight in those efforts."

N.C. Main Street Center Creates Jobs Through Vibrant Downtowns

North Carolina Commerce Secretary John Skvarla announced September 28 the performance metrics for the 2014-2015 N.C. Main Street Center program year. The statistics measure economic benchmarks in the 54 designated Main Street and 45 designated Small Town Main Street communities that are active in the two programs, which focus on revitalizing downtowns across the state.

The Main Street communities reported:

- \$120.3 million in downtown public and private investment
- 358 new full-time and part-time jobs
- 228 new businesses
- 82 business expansions
- 215 building renovations
- 282 facade improvements
- 124 local public improvement projects
- 74,188 volunteer hours

Since the inception of the program in 1980, North Carolina Main Street communities have exceeded more than \$2.25

industries. Commerce and its science office has long promoted nanotechnology within the state and supported the development of the RTNN.

N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla is scheduled to deliver a keynote address at the [Nano Manufacturing Conference](#) in Greensboro tomorrow (Sept. 30).

"The grant will fund efforts to open our doors and work more effectively with the public, from major corporations and start-ups, to community colleges and K-12 educators," says Jacob Jones, a professor of materials science and engineering at N.C. State and principal investigator of the grant. "For businesses, our goal is to help them develop new products, improve existing ones, and help them move discoveries to market," Jones says.

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[Research Triangle Nanotechnology Network website.](#)



*Designer Hilary Farr and real estate expert David Visentin, hosts of HGTV's **Love It or List It***

New Film and Entertainment Grant Recipients Announced

N.C. Commerce Secretary John Skvarla and the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. announced September 18 that three productions will receive funds from the North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant.

"North Carolina has a lot to offer the film and entertainment industry and we look forward to these productions getting underway and providing job opportunities across the state," said Secretary Skvarla. "These projects present a chance to establish long term relationships, showcase our state's quality of life, and highlight North Carolina's natural beauty."

Good Behavior, *Love It or List It*, and the Untitled Jody Hill Project were selected from 17 applications. Each project will begin production this fall.

The three grant recipients join the television

billion in downtown public and private investment, created more than 18,000 full-time and part-time jobs and opened more than 4,600 businesses.

"The North Carolina Main Street Center offers communities across our state valuable knowledge and resources to fuel economic growth," said Secretary Skvarla. "These program outcomes demonstrate once again the value of keeping our downtown areas healthy and vital."

The Main Street program is an asset based economic development program that celebrated its 35th anniversary earlier this year. The N.C. Main Street Center assists selected communities across the state in restoring economic vitality to historic downtowns. Main Street staff provides technical assistance, guidance and training to participating communities.

In addition, the N.C. Small Town Main Street has been successful in revitalizing the state's smallest communities. The 2014-2015 Small Town Main Street program reported:

- \$11.2 million in downtown public and private investment
- 304 new full-time and part-time jobs
- 63 new businesses
- 34 business expansions
- 67 building renovations
- 62 facade improvements
- 53 local public improvement projects
- 48,584 volunteer hours

The Small Town Main Street Program is credited with \$117.4 million in downtown public and private investment since its inception in 2003, more than 1,600 jobs and a net gain of nearly 600 new businesses.

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International Tax Issues Focus of Educational Seminar

The Triangle/Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the British-American Business Council will hold an educational and networking event addressing international tax issues on Thursday, October 1.

Tax experts Chris Moore, Greg Dalziel and Stephen Nuttall from Deloitte will provide an overview of international tax changes from a U.S. and U.K. perspective. The session includes a Question & Answer period followed by a networking reception.

The event will be held between 5:30 - 8:00pm at the City Club in Raleigh. [Registration information is available online.](#)

series *Under The Dome*, which just recently wrapped up principal photography on its third season in the Wilmington area. The four projects combined are expected to have direct in-state spending of more than \$60 million. Funds for these projects are allocated in the 2014-15 budget.

The following are the three newest film and entertainment grant recipients:

- *Good Behavior* is a television pilot set in North Carolina and based off of the best-selling Letty Dobesh books by Blake Crouch. The pilot will film primarily out of Wilmington, but is expected to do some work in the greater Asheville area. The eligible grant amount is up to \$1.25 million.
- *Love It or List It* will film a second season in the greater Triangle area with production taking place in Durham and Raleigh among other towns and cities. The eligible grant amount is up to \$950,000.
- The Untitled Jody Hill Project is an independent feature film to be directed by North Carolina native and UNC School of the Arts alumnus Jody Hill. The eligible grant amount is up to \$2.8 million.

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- [Governor Proclaims Manufacturing Week](#) (*North Carolina News Network* - September 28)
- [Brunswick Names New Economic Development Director](#) (*WilmingtonBiz* - September 25)
- [RDU to add Delta nonstop Paris flight](#) (*Triangle Business Journal* - September 24)
- [N.C. Ports Have Plans For Funds In State Budget](#) (*WilmingtonBiz* - September 24)
- [Support and recruit \[Christopher Chung visit\]](#) (*Richmond County Daily Journal* - September 24)
- [Expansion is fueled by shared vision](#) (*Reflector.com* - Greenville - September 24)

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