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Governor Cooper Announces More than 400 New Jobs in Cleveland County

Greenheck Group, an international manufacturer of commercial and industrial ventilation equipment, has selected Cleveland County for a major expansion of their presence in North Carolina, **Governor Roy Cooper** announced May 30. Greenheck will create more than 400 jobs and invest \$58.8 million in Shelby.

"Leading manufacturers with first-hand experience of what it's like to do business in North Carolina time and again choose to expand in our state," **Governor Cooper** said. "Industrial companies know our state has a healthy market, a skilled workforce and communities ready to grow with them."

Greenheck Group will expand within the Foothills Commerce Center. The modern manufacturing company is creating a campus in Shelby and will offer state-of-the-art amenities for all employees.

"Greenheck has a long-standing corporate value of being the easiest to do business with." said **Dave Kallstrom, Greenheck President**. "The close proximity to our customers and ready access to a smart, talented workforce made the decision to expand our footprint in Shelby an effortless one. With the addition of a campus we will be able to offer team members a variety of career opportunities and amenities."

"North Carolina's long and positive track record in workforce development and training provides companies the confidence they need to locate important business units in our state," said **North Carolina Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland**. "We welcome Greenheck's expansion and look forward to this next phase of the company's growth in Cleveland County."

Greenheck's expansion will create new opportunities for production personnel, welders, and a variety of other support and professional workers. The 403 new positions associated with the project will provide an annual payroll impact of more than \$16.2 million to the local economy.

Greenheck Group's expansion in Cleveland County will be facilitated, in part, by a Job Development Investment Grant



(L-R) Secretary Copeland and Parexel CEO Jamie Macdonald at the announcement event in Durham.

Parexel Expansion Creates 264 Jobs as Major CRO Adds Second U.S. Headquarters in Durham County

One of the world's leading contract research and services companies serving the biopharmaceuticals industry, Parexel International Corporation, will open a second U.S. headquarters in North Carolina, adding 264 jobs in Durham County and the state, **Governor Roy Cooper** announced May 30. Parexel will invest \$1.7 million in the facility as it locates several headquarters functions to the state, including a range of operational and professional support functions. These employees will join Parexel's more than 600 existing employees in North Carolina, expanding on operations in the state dating back to 1993.

"North Carolina's global leadership in clinical research continues to attract the world's leading life science companies," **Governor Cooper** said. "We're pleased that Durham's talented workforce will support Parexel's next phase of job growth and development."

Parexel, a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Kingdom-based West Street Holdings III Limited with approximately 20,000 employees worldwide, provides a comprehensive suite of biopharmaceutical research and services to help its customers transform scientific

(JDIG) which authorizes the potential reimbursement to the company of up to \$3,278,000, spread over 12 years. The project will grow the state's economy by an estimated \$768 million over the grant term.

Partnering with [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [EDPNC](#) on this project were the [North Carolina General Assembly](#), the [North Carolina Community College System](#), [Cleveland County](#), the [City of Shelby](#), and the [Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership](#).

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Dhru Patel (second from left), CFO of KriGen accepts a ceremonial fine china plate from Kenny Flowers, Assistant Secretary for Rural Economic Development as Harnett County officials look on during an event last week in Lillington

Pharmaceutical Manufacturer to Create 100 Jobs with First U.S. Facility in Harnett County

KriGen Pharmaceuticals has selected Harnett County for its first U.S. manufacturing facility, **Governor Roy Cooper** announced June 5. KriGen will create 100 jobs while investing \$7 million in Lillington.

Kenny Flowers, Commerce's Assistant Secretary for Rural Economic Development, led an event held in Lillington to celebrate the news.

"North Carolina is a leader in life science research and development, as well as pharmaceutical manufacturing," said **Governor Cooper**. "With our strong workforce and room to grow, KriGen has made a great choice for its first North American manufacturing operation and we welcome the new jobs and investment to Harnett County."

A privately held Indian company, KriGen Pharmaceuticals will manufacture medical IV bags and liquid injectables in its new 55,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility.

"The vision of KriGen Pharmaceuticals is to improve the quality of human lives by providing affordable pharmaceutical formulations based on innovation and technology," said **Chief Financial Officer for KriGen Pharmaceuticals, Dhruv Kumar Patel**. "We aspire to be the best healthcare solution providers with finished product formulation solutions for generic, as well as branded, pharmaceutical companies."

"As a biomanufacturing trailblazer, North Carolina is poised for companies like KriGen," said **Secretary of Commerce Anthony M. Copeland**. "Their footprint in Harnett County will have a great economic impact in and around their chosen site."

discoveries into new treatments for patients.

"Parexel is pleased to announce our expanded presence and continued commitment to North Carolina through the establishment of a second U.S. headquarters in Durham," said **Parexel CEO Jamie Macdonald**. "The talent pipeline we've been able to attract to our Durham operation as a result of the strong life sciences presence in the region has been outstanding, making it the ideal location to help fuel our future growth. We look forward to our expansion here, accelerating the development of innovative new therapies for patients and providing career development opportunities for employees in this rewarding field."

"North Carolina invented the Contract Research Organization model, an innovation that revolutionized the process of drug discovery and development," said **North Carolina Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland**. "I'm pleased that one of the world's largest CROs will now locate its second U.S. headquarters in our state, taking advantage of the world-class talent and educational resources available here."

Parexel was awarded a JDIG with potential benefit to the company of up to \$4,194,000, spread over 12 years. The project will grow the state's economy by an estimated \$869 million over those years. Because the company chose to expand in a Tier 3 county, the company's JDIG agreement also calls for moving as much as \$1,398,000 into the state's Industrial Development Fund - Utility Account. The Utility Account helps rural communities finance necessary infrastructure upgrades to attract future business.

In addition to [North Carolina Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina](#), other key partners in the project include the [North Carolina General Assembly](#), the [North Carolina Biotechnology Center](#), [Durham County](#), and the [Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce](#).

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Salaries for the new jobs will vary by position but the average annual wage will be \$42,570. The average annual wage in Harnett County is \$33,061.

A performance-based grant of \$200,000 from the One North Carolina Fund will help facilitate KriGen Pharmaceutical's new operation in North Carolina.

In addition to [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [EDPNC](#), other key partners in the project include [North Carolina General Assembly](#), the [North Carolina Community College System](#), the [North Carolina Biotechnology Center](#), [Harnett County](#), [Harnett County's Economic Development Office](#), and the [Town of Lillington](#).

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Secretary Copeland in Philadelphia addresses guests at North Carolina's reception at BIO.

Secretary Copeland Touts N.C.'s Biotech Assets at Industry's Largest Conference

Commerce Secretary Tony Copeland was in Philadelphia last Tuesday (June 4) to speak with attendees at North Carolina's signature reception for the biotechnology and life sciences industry.

BIO 2019, a convention hosted by the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), drew 17,307 attendees from 49 states, the



Secretary Copeland delivering remarks in Montreal last week.

Secretary Copeland Leads State Delegation to Canadian Business Conference

The Government of Québec hosted the 12th annual Southeastern United States–Canadian Provinces (SEUS-CP) Alliance Conference last week. **North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Anthony M. Copeland** led the state's delegation to the gathering, which took place June 2–4 in Montréal.

The theme of this year's conference was 'smart mobility.'

The SEUS-CP Alliance is an economic forum founded in 2007 aimed at increasing trade, promoting bilateral investments, and stimulating technological and scientific exchanges among member states and provinces.

Six U.S. states (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee) and six Canadian provinces (New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Québec) comprise the alliance. Members meet annually at a conference held on an alternating basis in Canada and the United States.

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District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 65 countries. North Carolina annually hosts a reception for industry executives, drawing company leaders into discussions and networking opportunities that center on the state's many advantages for the high-tech industry.

Next year, the convention will return to San Diego for the fourth time in its history. BIO 2020 will run from June 8-11.



Secretary Copeland (third from left) participates in the ribbon cutting ceremony in Huntersville

Copeland Helps Oerlikon Celebrate Opening of New R&D Production Facility in Huntersville

Secretary Copeland traveled to Huntersville May 29 to deliver remarks and participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for Oerlikon, a Swiss company that's a global provider of surface solutions, equipment, advanced materials, and materials processing. The company inaugurated its \$55 million Innovation Hub and Advanced Component Production facility as part of its ongoing U.S. growth strategy. The 125,000-sq-ft. facility will serve as a cornerstone of Oerlikon's additive manufacturing business in the United States.

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