

Governor Bob Riley Officially Welcomes HTPG to Scottsboro

Governor Bob Riley's last economic development announcement before leaving office was held on January 5 in Scottsboro, when he officially welcomed Heat Transfer Products Group, Inc. (HTPG) to the area. The ceremony, held at HTPG's facility in Scottsboro Industrial Park, attracted a crowd of approximately 100 people.

Formerly Carrier HTP and Witt Heat Transfer Products, HTPG was purchased by Monomoy Capital Partners, L.P. and they consolidated its Yuma, Arizona operations with the Scottsboro plant. HTPG is a manufacturer of commercial and industrial refrigeration equipment and the second largest provider of refrigeration products in the U.S., according to CEO John May.

"We appreciate all the hard work to help make this happen. We look forward to continued growth," said Plant Manager and Director of Operations, Paul Andrzejewski.

Governor Riley said, "John (May) wouldn't be here if it weren't for people in this room - people who take pride in their community."

International Automotive Forum

Dus attended the 2010 International Automotive Forum (IZB) in Wolfsburg, Germany in October. A group of 12 economic developers including ADO, TVA, NAIDA, and several local communities participated. The IZB is a biannual tradeshow sponsored by Wolfsburg Chamber of Commerce. Wolfsburg is the world headquarters for Volkswagen, so this tradeshow is very important for suppliers seeking to do business with them. The State of Alabama and sponsoring communities had a booth at the show to provide a place for setting up appointments, and to provide literature highlighting the advantages of locating in our region. They also promoted the website, www.AutomotiveSites.us, which was created to provide an online resource for Northeast Alabama information such as available properties, sites, maps, demographics, and incentives.



Alabama Gov. Bob Riley, right, visits with HTPG CEO John May, center, and Scottsboro Plant Manager and Director of Operations Paul Andrzejewski, left, during the expansion announcement.

Reception held for Legislators

JCEDA and the Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce co-hosted a reception to honor the Jackson County Legislative Delegation on November 29, 2010. In spite of severe rainy weather, we had a great turnout of local business and community leaders. JCEDA and the Chamber appreciate Rep. Robinson's many years of service, and we look forward to working with Senator McGill and Rep. Johnson to help make our county an even better place to live and a more prosperous place to work!



Pictured left to right are Dus Rogers/JCEDA, Representative Wayne Johnson, Senator Shadrack McGill, Representative John Robinson, and Rick Roden/Chamber of Commerce.

TVA Hosts Open House



A ribbon-cutting and open house was held in December at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) In-processing and Training Center. The nuclear training center, which opened in September in the Jackson County Industrial Park at Hollywood, has already served almost 1,000 workers, and as many as 3,000 more are expected to go through the training during the first five months of this year.

Pictured above with TVA officials Preston Swafford, (left of ribbon) and George Laurie (right of ribbon) are representatives of the Scottsboro IDB, Jackson County Commission, Town of Hollywood, City of Scottsboro, the Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and JCEDA.

H&N Begins Production

H&N Catalyst Manufacturing, LLC understands long-term commitment. This company established a manufacturing facility in the Scottsboro Industrial Park in 2002 as a joint venture of Hitachi Zosen and Nichias Corporation. Due to market and regulatory changes in the clean air act, they completed the factory and equipped it, but delayed production until 2010. H&N produces high-quality catalysts for removing air pollution particles in the smoke stack of coal power plants and chemical plants. We met with H&N's parent companies in Japan on numerous occasions and we are excited to see them beginning production. They have employed approximately 21 people and are hiring another 15 for a second shift. The market has improved and the company's long-term focus will pay off. We appreciate their commitment to Jackson County and wish them much success.

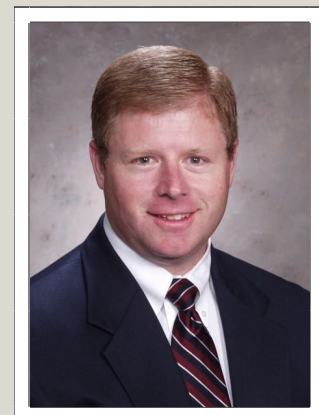
JCEDA is joining the rapidly-growing trend of using social media as a marketing tool.

We began utilizing Facebook in October as a way of quickly getting out information about JCEDA events and publicizing news stories.

You can find our page by searching Facebook with our full name, Jackson County Economic Development Authority, or by linking to our page from our website, www.jacksoncountyeda.org.

Spotlight on Allies

Jimmy Sandlin, Manager of Scottsboro Electric Power Board, has always been supportive of community economic development. He regularly participates in TVA ED, and is an active member of the NAIDA Board of Directors. He traveled to Japan in 2009 with the Alabama Delegation, and to Washington DC numerous times to lobby for support of local ED projects and electrical issues that affect existing industries. Jimmy was very helpful in landing the Sanoh expansion and the HTPG expansion, and his Board recently purchased 20 acres of industrial property to be developed. Jimmy and the Board of Directors are progressive parts of our local economic development team and we appreciate their support!



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