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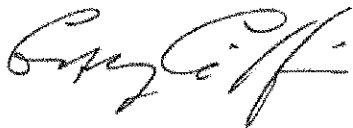
RE: Adjustment Application Psychiatric Beds

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Enclosed is the Adjustment Application by The Health Care Authority of Anniston on behalf of hospitals in Anniston and Jacksonville. Both hospitals located in Calhoun County. The check for the filing fee is being forwarded to SHPDA via Federal Express.

Thank you for your attention to this Adjustment Application. We look forward to discussing this with the SHCC on June 2, 2017. Should your Agency have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Gary Griffin

cc email: Mr. Joe Weaver
Mr. Jim Williams

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STATE HEALTH PLANNING
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ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION

FOR

20 ADULT PSY BEDS AND 5 GERI PSY BEDS

FOR CALHOUN COUNTY

**RESPONDING TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF ACUTE ADULT and
GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS PRESENTING TO EMERGENCY
ROOMS IN CALHOUN COUNTY and LACK OF PSYCHIATRIC BEDS DUE
TO ALL TO FREQUENT HIGH OCCUPANCY LEVELS OF EXISTING BEDS
IN CALHOUN COUNTY CREATING THE INABILITY TO ACCEPT THOSE
PATIENTS NECESSITATING REFERRALS OF CALHOUN COUNTY
RESIDENTS TO DISTANT HOSPITALS, STAYS IN EMERGENCY ROOMS
AND IMPEDING CONTINUITY OF CARE**

SUBMITTED BY

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BOARD



ON BEHALF OF

**RMC - ANNISTON Providing Adult Psychiatric
Services**

&

**RMC - JACKSONVILLE Providing Behavioral Health
Program for Seniors**

GOALS FOR ADJUSTMENT

With the Adjustment of 20 Adult Psy beds and 5 Geriatric Psy beds, the goals are:

1. to provide an additional supply of Adult and Geriatric Psychiatric beds to meet at least current demand and, hopefully, future demand;
2. to stop or greatly reduce the current reliance of referring Adult and Geriatric Psychiatric patients living in Calhoun County to distant hospitals thereby impeding family participation and continuity of care by Calhoun County based public and private outpatient psychiatric providers; and
3. to provide better psychiatric care to patients and families than temporary housing in local emergency rooms thereby delaying care by hours and days.

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT

The Adjustment the SHCC is requested to adopt is as follows:

410-2-4-.10: Psychiatric Care

(4)(a) Plan Adjustments: For the City limits of Anniston, located in Calhoun County, the SHCC finds a need for 20 additional inpatient psychiatric beds restricted to adult services.

and

(4)(b) Plan Adjustments: For the City limits of Jacksonville, located in Calhoun County, the SHCC finds a need for 5 additional inpatient psychiatric beds restricted to geriatric services.

APPLICANT

Applicant: The Health Care Authority of the City of Anniston on behalf of hospitals in Anniston and Jacksonville.

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WHY IS THIS ADJUSTMENT NEEDED

Several of the reasons why this Adjustment for 25 additional psychiatric beds in Calhoun County is needed are:

1. **Growth In Geriatric Psy Occupancy:** Patient census at the Geri Psy Unit at RMC Jacksonville has increased, especially since consolidation of the two smaller Geri Psy Units into one location in Jacksonville. The occupancy rate for the consolidated Geri Psy Unit has recently been as high as 98%. Prior to consolidation, the combined occupancy for the two separate Units was 56%.
2. **High Geriatric Psy Occupancy:** For the first quarter of 2017, the consolidated Geri Psy unit was at 83% percent occupancy. This is above the desired level of 75%.
3. **Consolidation of System Geri Psy Resources:** Consolidation of the two small Geri Psy bed units into one 25 bed Geri Psy Unit plus the existence of excellent clinical and support resources has produced the expected additive effect besting historical utilization when the units were separated between two location (Anniston and Jackson).
4. **Growth In Adult Psy Occupancy:** Patient census at Adult Unit at RMC Anniston has increased from 46% for CY 2016 to 77 percent for the first quarter of CY 2017. For March 2017, the occupancy rate was 90 percent. This is above the desired level of 75%.
5. **Unmet Need - Adult Psy:** Much of the increase in the occupancy for the Adult Psy Unit can be tied to partially fulfilling the unmet need for adult psychiatric services in Calhoun County. RMC is the only provider of Adult and Geri Psy services in Calhoun County.
6. **Enhanced Adult Psychiatric Physician Resources:** To tap this unmet need, RMC and others undertook actions to enhance adult psychiatric physician and other resources for Calhoun County.
7. **Adult Psy Patients in RMC's Two ERs:** Psychiatric patients have been presenting to Emergency Rooms at RMC Jacksonville and RMC Anniston when there have been no available psychiatric beds at RMC Anniston or RMC Jacksonville. Therefore, these psy patients must wait in the Emergency Rooms until a geographically distant psy bed becomes available. This stymies inpatient care as well as continuity of outpatient psychiatric services.
 - a. **Anniston ER Psy Diversion:** For the RMC Anniston Adult Psy Unit, in a recent 90 day period on 26 separate days there was not an available Adult psy bed. Therefore, Adult psy diversion was about 29 percent of the time with those psy patients held in the Emergency Room until transfer.
 - b. **Anniston ER Psy Transfers Out of County:** For the RMC Anniston Adult Psy Unit, in a recent 90 day period there were 30 adult/geri psy patients transferred to

other hospitals outside Calhoun County. Approximately, 67% of these patients lived in Calhoun County. Most of these ER Adult psy transfers were to hospitals in Jefferson County (about 65 miles from RMC Anniston to UAB). (This excludes 20 adolescent patient transfers during the same time period.)

- c. **Jacksonville ER Psy Diversion:** For the RMC Jacksonville Emergency Room, 43 adult/geri psy patients were transferred directly from the Emergency Room to other hospitals outside Calhoun County. This equates to psy diversion of approximately 12 percent just for RMC Jacksonville.
 - d. **Jacksonville ER Psy Transfers Most Are Residents of Calhoun County:** For the psy patients transferred from the RMC Jacksonville Emergency Room, 84% were residents of Calhoun County and 16% residing out of county (Jefferson, Cherokee, Randolph and out of state).
 - e. **Jacksonville ER Psy Transfers Most Are Transferred Out of County:** Of the psy patients transferred from the RMC Jacksonville Emergency Room, 65% were transferred out of county (mostly to Jefferson and Etowah) and 35% to RMC Anniston.
8. **Enhanced Adult Psychiatric Clinical Coverage:** RMC Anniston has added and enhanced psychiatric physician coverage for adult psychiatric services, which has tapped into the previously unmet need for Adult psychiatric services in Calhoun County.
9. **Consolidation of Geri Psy Units:** RMC Jacksonville has had adequate physician and other coverage for geri psy services. These services at RMC Jacksonville were further enhanced by the consolidation of 15 Geri Psy beds from RMC Anniston into the 10 bed Geri Psy Unit at RMC Jacksonville with operation as of July 1, 2016. This consolidation of two small geri psy beds units was the result of a system approach to providing psychiatric services and letting the better service prevail. This consolidation reversed long historical under-utilization of geri psy beds at RMC Anniston.

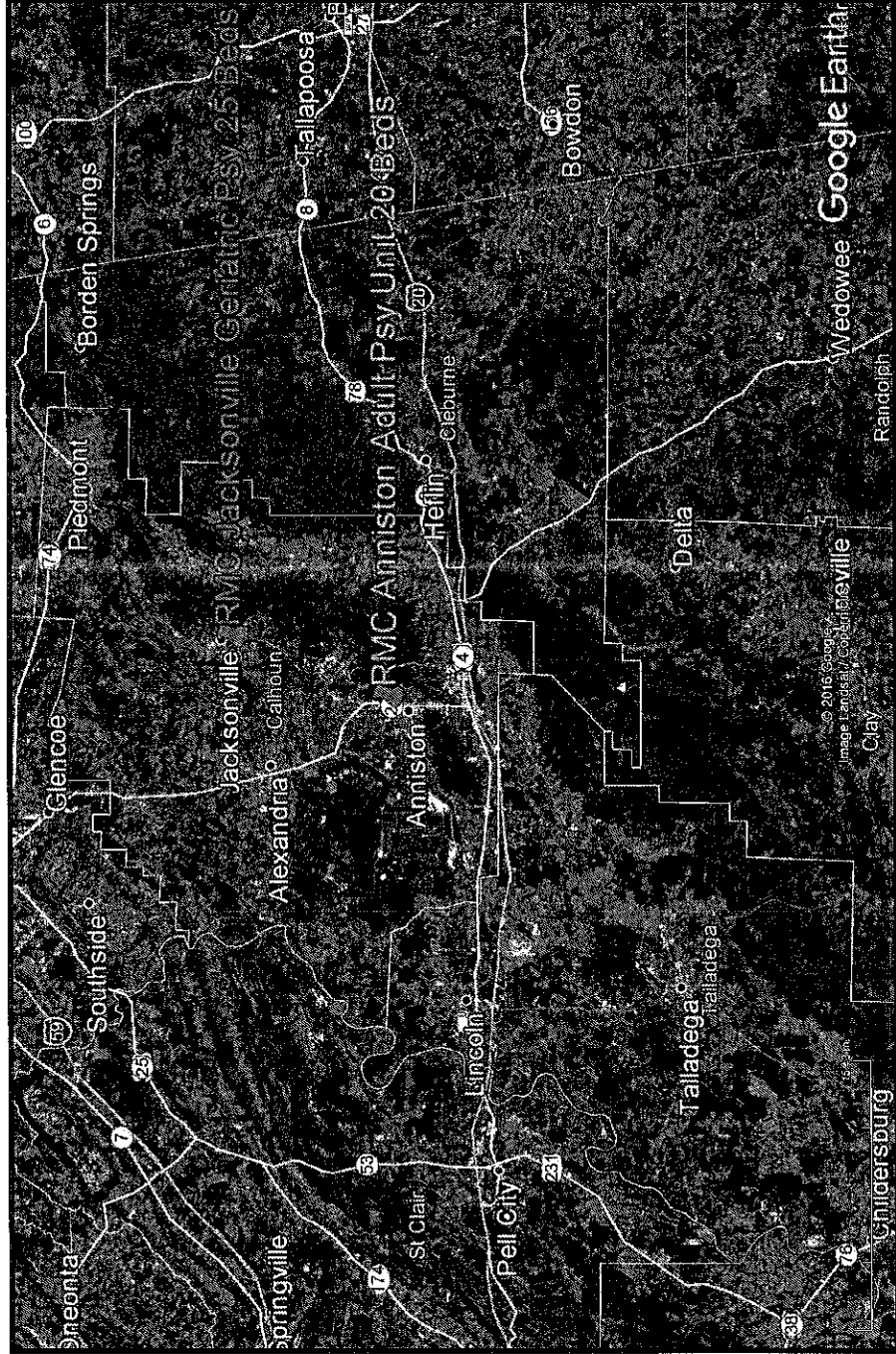
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA FOR PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT

The geographical area for the proposed adjustment is Calhoun County.

MAP OF CURRENT PSYCHIATRIC PROVIDERS - CALHOUN COUNTY

A map of licensed inpatient psychiatric locations in Calhoun County is presented below, which identifies the Geriatric Unit at RMC - Jacksonville and the Adult Unit at RMC - Anniston.

MAP 1 CURRENT PSYCHIATRIC BED LOCATIONS - CALHOUN COUNTY



PATIENT ORIGIN - RMC JACKSONVILLE GERIATRIC PSY PATIENTS

Table 1 PATIENT ORIGIN RMC JACKSONVILLE GERI PSY PATIENTS

Geri Psy Patient County of Residence	Number Patients	Percent
Calhoun	286	76.3%
Talladega	18	4.8%
Randolph	14	3.7%
Cleburne	13	3.5%
Chambers	10	2.7%
Etowah	10	2.7%
Eleven Other Alabama Counties	22	5.9%
Out of State	2	0.5%
TOTAL	375	100.0%

PATIENT ORIGIN - RMC ANNISTON ADULT PSY PATIENTS

Table 2 PATIENT ORIGIN RMC ANNISTON ADULT PSY PATIENTS

RMC Anniston MHI Admissions by County January 1 - December 31, 2016		
AREA	ADULT PSY INPATIENTS	PERCENT
Calhoun	257	60.3%
Talladega	38	8.9%
Cleburne	31	7.3%
Randolph	21	4.9%
Other Alabama Counties (19)	60	14.1%
Out of State	19	4.5%
TOTAL	426	100.0%

PHYSICIANS COMMITTED TO PRACTICE IN AREA

Calhoun County is fortunate to have an excellent foundation of physicians. The Adjustment for 25 inpatient psychiatric beds does not depend on the need for additional physician specialties.

STAFFING

The estimated staffing would represent about 15 to 25 new jobs to be obtained from the local and regional labor markets as is the mechanism today.

NAMES OF PATIENTS DENIED SERVICES

Although this question is presented in the SHP Adjustment Organizational Outline, the Applicant is prohibited by various laws and regulations from listing list the names of persons. State law may prevent SHPDA from receiving names of patients, residents, families and caregivers.

The Applicant has achieved the purpose of the Outline question by instead showing quantitatively when and where denial of service was evident without resorting to release of private, confidential information (names).

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1 - POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

Community Profile

Community Profile

Calhoun County is the most populous and progressive county in East Alabama. Located in the Anniston-Oxford-Jacksonville MSA, the high population in Calhoun County makes the community one of the most populated counties in the state. The county is located sixty miles east of Birmingham, Alabama, and ninety miles west of Atlanta, Georgia on I-20. Calhoun County has more than 150 companies in its industrial database and is a regional source for commercial, professional, medical, educational, and retail services.

Cities and Towns

Anniston	22,810
Hobson City	732
Jacksonville	12,826
Ohatchee	1,284
Oxford	20,903
Piedmont	4,789
Weaver	2,864

Source: U.S. Census

Public and Private Schools

Calhoun County Schools	7
Anniston	5
Oxford	4
Jacksonville	1
Piedmont	1
Private Schools	8

Households and Income

 Median Age
38.7

 Total Households
45,764

Average Household Size	2.44
Median Household Income	\$39,962
Per Capita Income	\$20,881

Source: U.S. Census

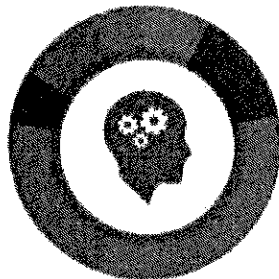
Travel to Work

 **83%** Work Inside Calhoun County

 **15%** Work outside Calhoun County

 **22** Average travel time to work

Educational Attainment



■ Less than 9th grade	7.5%
■ 9-12 grade no diploma	14%
■ High School GED	33.7%
■ Some College no degree	21.8%
■ Associates Degree	6.5%
■ Bachelors Degree	9.7%
■ Graduate or professional	6.1%

For more information visit CalhounCountyEDC.org



Population of
115,916



150+
Industrial Companies

Miles to Major Cities

Atlanta, GA	91
Birmingham, AL	59
Enterprise, AL	69
Jacksonville, FL	458
Memphis, TN	293
Mobile, AL	278
Montgomery, AL	112
Nashville, TN	307
Orlando, FL	356
Savannah, GA	341

Universities & Colleges

- Jacksonville State University
- Georgia State Community College

Hospitals & Healthcare

- Regional Medical Center
- St. Luke's Memorial Hospital
- RMC Jacksonville

Demographic Snapshot (Parts 1 & 2)

Pop Facts: Demographic Snapshot (Part 1)	Anniston city, AL 25 mile ring		Anniston city, AL 50 mile ring	
Population				
2018 Projection	219,775		863,197	
2013 Estimate	222,309		858,584	
2010 Census	224,714		858,548	
2000 Census	211,601		778,222	
Growth 2013-2018	-1.14%		0.54%	
Growth 2010-2013	-1.07%		0.00%	
Growth 2000-2010	6.20%		10.32%	
2013 Estimated Population by Single Race	222,309		858,584	
Classification				
White Alone	169,177	76.10%	662,920	77.21%
Black or African American Alone	43,371	19.51%	141,107	16.43%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	889	0.40%	3,746	0.44%
Asian Alone	1,628	0.73%	5,517	0.64%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	147	0.07%	715	0.08%
Some Other Race Alone	3,457	1.56%	30,114	3.51%
Two or More Races	3,640	1.64%	14,466	1.68%
2013 Estimated Population Hispanic or Latino by Origin	222,309		858,584	
Origin				
Not Hispanic or Latino	215,215	96.81%	806,990	93.99%
Hispanic or Latino	7,094	3.19%	51,594	6.01%
Hispanic or Latino by Origin	7,094		51,594	
Mexican	4,793	67.57%	36,583	70.91%
Puerto Rican	613	8.64%	2,054	3.98%
Cuban	212	2.99%	771	1.49%
All Other Hispanic or Latino	1,476	20.81%	12,187	23.62%
2013 Estimated Hispanic or Latino by Single Race	7,094		51,594	
Classification				
White Alone	2,856	40.26%	17,531	33.98%
Black or African American Alone	345	4.87%	1,142	2.21%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	94	1.32%	616	1.19%
Asian Alone	25	0.36%	143	0.28%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	32	0.45%	366	0.71%
Some Other Race Alone	3,248	45.78%	29,253	56.70%
Two or More Races	494	6.96%	2,543	4.93%

2013 Estimated Population, Asian Alone Race by Category	1,628		5,517	
Chinese, except Taiwanese	344	21.16%	1,183	21.44%
Filipino	227	13.96%	728	13.19%
Japanese	188	11.56%	368	6.67%
Asian Indian	382	23.47%	1,211	21.95%
Korean	232	14.24%	519	9.41%
Vietnamese	64	3.92%	629	11.40%
Cambodian	6	0.37%	45	0.82%
Hmong	0	0.00%	2	0.04%
Laotian	4	0.26%	98	1.77%
Thai	48	2.95%	81	1.46%
All other Asian Races, including 2 or more	132	8.11%	653	11.85%
2013 Estimated Population by Ancestry	222,309		858,584	
Arab	339	0.15%	787	0.09%
Czech	53	0.02%	169	0.02%
Danish	51	0.02%	336	0.04%
Dutch	2,243	1.01%	6,697	0.78%
English	16,509	7.43%	71,263	8.30%
French (except Basque)	2,197	0.99%	7,107	0.83%
French Canadian	254	0.11%	1,140	0.13%
German	10,965	4.93%	41,362	4.82%
Greek	121	0.05%	651	0.08%
Hungarian	208	0.09%	603	0.07%
Irish	16,234	7.30%	67,152	7.82%
Italian	3,665	1.65%	9,879	1.15%
Lithuanian	11	0.00%	106	0.01%
Norwegian	401	0.18%	1,326	0.15%
Polish	595	0.27%	3,097	0.36%
Portuguese	204	0.09%	665	0.08%
Russian	82	0.04%	758	0.09%
Scottish	2,893	1.30%	11,863	1.38%
Scotch-Irish	2,562	1.15%	11,234	1.31%
Slovak	10	0.00%	68	0.01%
Subsaharan African	1,104	0.50%	2,574	0.30%
Swedish	276	0.12%	1,754	0.20%
Swiss	88	0.04%	411	0.05%
Ukrainian	66	0.03%	145	0.02%
United States of America	34,925	15.71%	155,687	18.13%
Welsh	240	0.11%	1,644	0.19%
West Indian (exc. Hisp groups)	229	0.10%	859	0.10%
Other	67,904	30.54%	264,715	30.83%
Ancestry Unclassified	57,882	26.04%	194,531	22.66%

2013 Estimated Population Age 5+ by Language	208,827		802,126	
Spoken At Home				
Speak only English	200,785	96.15%	758,913	94.61%
Speak Asian or Pacific Island Language	794	0.38%	2,655	0.33%
Speak IndoEuropean Language	1,368	0.66%	5,024	0.63%
Speak Spanish	5,620	2.69%	34,422	4.29%
Speak Other Language	260	0.12%	1,112	0.14%
2013 Estimated Population by Sex	222,309		858,584	
Male	107,855	48.52%	419,203	48.82%
Female	114,454	51.48%	439,381	51.18%
2013 Estimated Population by Age	222,309		858,584	
Age 0 to 4	13,482	6.06%	56,458	6.58%
Age 5 to 9	13,578	6.11%	55,781	6.50%
Age 10 to 14	14,266	6.42%	57,335	6.68%
Age 15 to 17	8,915	4.01%	35,252	4.11%
Age 18 to 20	9,863	4.44%	37,030	4.31%
Age 21 to 24	11,750	5.29%	44,790	5.22%
Age 25 to 34	26,701	12.01%	104,285	12.15%
Age 35 to 44	27,701	12.46%	110,164	12.83%
Age 45 to 54	30,718	13.82%	118,828	13.84%
Age 55 to 64	29,800	13.40%	109,185	12.72%
Age 65 to 74	20,543	9.24%	75,679	8.81%
Age 75 to 84	11,059	4.97%	39,428	4.59%
Age 85 and over	3,931	1.77%	14,369	1.67%
Age 16 and over	178,067	80.10%	677,519	78.91%
Age 18 and over	172,067	77.40%	653,758	76.14%
Age 21 and over	162,204	72.96%	616,727	71.83%
Age 65 and over	35,533	15.98%	129,475	15.08%
2013 Estimated Median Age	39.55		38.48	
2013 Estimated Average Age	39.66		38.81	
2013 Estimated Male Population by Age	107,855		419,203	
Age 0 to 4	6,915	6.41%	28,853	6.88%
Age 5 to 9	6,996	6.49%	28,426	6.78%
Age 10 to 14	7,330	6.80%	29,272	6.98%
Age 15 to 17	4,610	4.27%	18,207	4.34%
Age 18 to 20	4,922	4.56%	18,636	4.45%
Age 21 to 24	5,907	5.48%	22,842	5.45%
Age 25 to 34	13,150	12.19%	51,881	12.38%
Age 35 to 44	13,564	12.58%	54,537	13.01%

Age 45 to 54	15,096	14.00%	58,716	14.01%
Age 55 to 64	14,280	13.24%	52,577	12.54%
Age 65 to 74	9,528	8.83%	34,929	8.33%
Age 75 to 84	4,412	4.09%	16,047	3.83%
Age 85 and over	1,143	1.06%	4,279	1.02%
2013 Estimated Median Age, Male	38.02		37.11	
2013 Estimated Average Age, Male	38.31		37.57	
2013 Estimated Female Population by Age	114,454		439,381	
Age 0 to 4	6,567	5.74%	27,605	6.28%
Age 5 to 9	6,582	5.75%	27,356	6.23%
Age 10 to 14	6,936	6.06%	28,063	6.39%
Age 15 to 17	4,305	3.76%	17,046	3.88%
Age 18 to 20	4,941	4.32%	18,394	4.19%
Age 21 to 24	5,843	5.10%	21,947	5.00%
Age 25 to 34	13,552	11.84%	52,404	11.93%
Age 35 to 44	14,137	12.35%	55,627	12.66%
Age 45 to 54	15,622	13.65%	60,112	13.68%
Age 55 to 64	15,520	13.56%	56,608	12.88%
Age 65 to 74	11,015	9.62%	40,750	9.27%
Age 75 to 84	6,647	5.81%	23,380	5.32%
Age 85 and over	2,788	2.44%	10,090	2.30%
2013 Estimated Median Age, Female	41.01		39.83	
2013 Estimated Average Age, Female	40.92		39.98	
2013 Estimated Population Age 15 and Over by Marital Status	180,983		689,010	
Total, Never Married	46,307	25.59%	169,406	24.59%
Males, Never Married	24,908	13.76%	93,485	13.57%
Females, Never Married	21,399	11.82%	75,921	11.02%
Married, Spouse present	87,624	48.42%	344,975	49.98%
Married, Spouse absent	9,517	5.26%	36,569	5.31%
Widowed	14,558	8.04%	51,913	7.53%
Males, Widowed	2,779	1.54%	9,831	1.43%
Females, Widowed	11,780	6.51%	42,081	6.11%
Divorced	22,977	12.70%	86,747	12.59%
Males, Divorced	10,495	5.80%	40,093	5.82%
Females, Divorced	12,483	6.90%	46,654	6.77%

2013 Estimated Population Age 25 and Over by Educational Attainment	150,454		571,937	
Less than 9th grade	11,879	7.90%	45,458	7.95%
Some High School, no diploma	18,698	12.43%	78,777	13.77%
High School Graduate (or GED)	51,672	34.34%	197,211	34.48%
Some College, no degree	34,399	22.86%	125,015	21.86%
Associate Degree	11,182	7.43%	38,233	6.68%
Bachelor's Degree	14,404	9.57%	57,474	10.05%
Master's Degree	6,181	4.11%	21,344	3.73%
Professional School Degree	1,321	0.88%	5,422	0.95%
Doctorate Degree	720	0.48%	3,003	0.53%
2013 Est. Pop. Age 25+ by Educational Attainment, Hispanic or Latino	3,631		24,372	
Less than High School	1,633	44.98%	14,447	59.28%
High School Graduate (or GED)	914	25.17%	5,306	21.77%
Some College or Associate's Degree	643	17.72%	3,101	12.72%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	440	12.13%	1,518	6.23%
Pop Facts	Anniston city, AL		Anniston city, AL	
Demographic Snapshot (Part 2)	25 mile ring		50 mile ring	
Households				
2018 Projection	87,270		329,418	
2013 Estimate	88,405		328,214	
2010 Census	89,514		328,788	
2000 Census	84,478		300,057	
Growth 2013-2018	-1.28%		0.37%	
Growth 2010-2013	-1.24%		-0.17%	
Growth 2000-2010	5.96%		9.58%	
2013 Estimated Households by Household Type	88,405		328,214	
Family Households	60,575	68.52%	232,225	70.75%
Non-family Households	27,830	31.48%	95,989	29.25%
2013 Estimated Group Quarters Population	5,080		17,649	
2013 Households by Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	1,891	2.14%	12,026	3.66%
2013 Estimated Households by Household Income	88,405		328,214	
Less than \$15,000	18,393	20.81%	62,302	18.98%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	12,459	14.09%	46,827	14.27%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	11,668	13.20%	43,651	13.30%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	13,312	15.06%	51,888	15.81%

\$50,000 to \$74,999	14,990	16.96%	56,561	17.23%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8,896	10.06%	32,250	9.83%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	4,229	4.78%	16,634	5.07%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,836	2.08%	7,150	2.18%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,583	1.79%	6,910	2.11%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	421	0.48%	1,585	0.48%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	493	0.56%	1,900	0.58%
\$500,000 or more	124	0.14%	556	0.17%
2013 Estimated Average Household Income	\$49,382		\$50,912	
2013 Estimated Median Household Income	\$36,895		\$38,275	
2013 Median Household Income by Single Race Classification or Ethnicity				
White Alone	\$41,447		\$41,337	
Black or African American Alone	\$22,733		\$26,475	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	\$35,767		\$31,281	
Asian Alone	\$52,819		\$43,780	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	\$21,071		\$23,486	
Some Other Race Alone	\$40,894		\$31,406	
Two or More Races	\$28,575		\$30,883	
Hispanic or Latino	\$40,817		\$32,808	
Not Hispanic or Latino	\$36,792		\$38,531	
2013 Estimated Households by Type and Presence of Own Children	60,575		232,225	
Married-Couple Family, own children	14,959	24.69%	63,278	27.25%
Married-Couple Family, no own children	28,798	47.54%	106,183	45.72%
Male Householder, own children	2,015	3.33%	7,810	3.36%
Male Householder, no own children	2,261	3.73%	8,417	3.62%
Female Householder, own children	6,696	11.05%	25,274	10.88%
Female Householder, no own children	5,846	9.65%	21,262	9.16%
2013 Estimated Households by Household Size	88,405		328,214	
1-person household	23,845	26.97%	82,414	25.11%
2-person household	30,593	34.61%	110,393	33.63%
3-person household	15,311	17.32%	58,080	17.70%
4-person household	11,097	12.55%	44,580	13.58%
5-person household	4,906	5.55%	20,260	6.17%
6-person household	1,709	1.93%	7,724	2.35%
7 or more person household	943	1.07%	4,763	1.45%
2013 Estimated Average Household Size	2.46		2.56	

2013 Estimated Households by Presence of People	88,405		328,214	
Households with 1 or more People under Age 18	28,111	31.80%	113,316	34.53%
Households no People under Age 18	60,294	68.20%	214,898	65.47%
Households with 1 or more People under Age 18	28,111		113,316	
Married-Couple Family	16,906	60.14%	70,832	62.51%
Other Family, Male Householder	2,387	8.49%	9,619	8.49%
Other Family, Female Householder	8,542	30.39%	31,712	27.99%
Nonfamily, Male Householder	171	0.61%	837	0.74%
Nonfamily, Female Householder	106	0.38%	316	0.28%
Households no People under Age 18	60,294		214,898	
Married-Couple Family	27,365	45.39%	100,467	46.75%
Other Family, Male Householder	1,926	3.19%	6,832	3.18%
Other Family, Female Householder	4,190	6.95%	15,522	7.22%
Nonfamily, Male Householder	11,185	18.55%	40,002	18.61%
Nonfamily, Female Householder	15,629	25.92%	52,075	24.23%
2013 Estimated Households by Number of Vehicles	88,405		328,214	
No Vehicles	5,372	6.08%	17,807	5.43%
1 Vehicle	28,058	31.74%	101,779	31.01%
2 Vehicles	31,320	35.43%	120,785	36.80%
3 Vehicles	15,530	17.57%	59,317	18.07%
4 Vehicles	5,993	6.78%	20,696	6.31%
5 or more Vehicles	2,133	2.41%	7,830	2.39%
2013 Estimated Average Number of Vehicles	1.97		1.98	
Family Households				
2018 Projection	59,778		233,151	
2013 Estimate	60,575		232,225	
2010 Census	61,348		232,606	
2000 Census	59,832		217,942	
Growth 2013-2018	-1.31%		0.40%	
Growth 2010-2013	-1.26%		-0.16%	
Growth 2000-2010	2.53%		6.73%	
2013 Estimated Families by Poverty Status	60,575		232,225	
2013 Families at or Above Poverty	51,400	84.85%	199,443	85.88%
2013 Families at or Above Poverty with Children	20,581	33.98%	85,368	36.76%
2013 Families Below Poverty	9,174	15.15%	32,782	14.12%
2013 Families Below Poverty with Children	6,613	10.92%	24,350	10.49%

2013 Estimated Population Age 16 and Over by Employment	178,067		677,519	
In Armed Forces	211	0.12%	856	0.13%
Civilian - Employed	86,019	48.31%	347,332	51.27%
Civilian - Unemployed	14,442	8.11%	50,079	7.39%
Not in Labor Force	77,394	43.46%	279,251	41.22%
2013 Estimated Employed Population Age 16 and Over by Class of Worker	92,479		365,664	
For-Profit Private Workers	60,766	65.71%	253,524	69.33%
Non-Profit Private Workers	6,081	6.58%	19,938	5.45%
Local Government Workers	6,582	7.12%	28,137	7.69%
State Government Workers	5,419	5.86%	19,033	5.21%
Federal Government Workers	5,562	6.01%	10,776	2.95%
Self-Employed Workers	7,957	8.60%	33,624	9.20%
Unpaid Family Workers	113	0.12%	632	0.17%
2013 Estimated Employed Population Age 16 and Over by Occupation	92,479		365,664	
Management, Including Farmers and Farm Managers	7,197	7.78%	28,484	7.79%
Business and Financial Operations	2,097	2.27%	10,251	2.80%
Computer and Mathematical	1,139	1.23%	4,654	1.27%
Architecture and Engineering	1,589	1.72%	5,247	1.43%
Life, Physical, and Social Science	230	0.25%	1,056	0.29%
Community and Social Services	1,259	1.36%	5,433	1.49%
Legal	726	0.78%	2,534	0.69%
Education, Training, and Library	5,519	5.97%	20,700	5.66%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	810	0.88%	3,247	0.89%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	5,797	6.27%	21,302	5.83%
Healthcare Support	1,506	1.63%	7,939	2.17%
Protective Service	1,772	1.92%	7,802	2.13%
Food Preparation and Serving Related	4,677	5.06%	17,294	4.73%
Building and Grounds Cleaning, and Maintenance	3,667	3.96%	14,112	3.86%
Service, Personal Care and Service	2,770	3.00%	10,101	2.76%
Sales and Related Occupations	10,177	11.01%	39,662	10.85%
Office and Administrative Support	13,146	14.21%	50,488	13.81%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	565	0.61%	2,638	0.72%
Construction and Extraction	4,665	5.04%	24,169	6.61%
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	5,165	5.59%	17,573	4.81%
Production	10,959	11.85%	41,180	11.26%
Transportation and Material Moving	7,048	7.62%	29,797	8.15%

2013 Estimated Employed Population Age 16 and Over by Occupation Classification	92,479		365,664	
Blue Collar	27,837	30.10%	112,718	30.83%
White Collar	49,685	53.73%	193,060	52.80%
Service & Farm	14,957	16.17%	59,886	16.38%
2013 Estimated Workers Age 16 and Over by Transportation To Work	89,625		355,946	
Drove Alone	76,218	85.04%	296,249	83.23%
Car Pooled	8,750	9.76%	41,006	11.52%
Public Transportation	303	0.34%	871	0.24%
Walked	876	0.98%	3,954	1.11%
Bicycle	77	0.09%	245	0.07%
Other Means	1,161	1.29%	3,560	1.00%
Worked at Home	2,239	2.50%	10,061	2.83%
2013 Estimated Workers Age 16 and Over by Travel Time to Work	87,441		346,231	
Less than 15 minutes	27,626	31.59%	95,632	27.62%
15 to 29 Minutes	34,044	38.93%	121,016	34.95%
30 to 44 Minutes	15,107	17.28%	69,500	20.07%
45 to 59 Minutes	6,117	7.00%	31,269	9.03%
60 or more Minutes	4,548	5.20%	28,814	8.32%
2013 Estimated Average Travel Time to Work in Minutes	25.13		28.53	
2013 Estimated Tenure of Occupied Housing Units	88,405		328,214	
Owner-Occupied	63,603	71.94%	239,381	72.93%
Renter-Occupied	24,802	28.06%	88,833	27.07%
2013 Occupied Housing Units, Average Length of Residence				
Owner-Occupied	19		18	
Renter-Occupied	8		8	
2013 Estimated All Owner-Occupied Housing Units by Value	63,603		239,381	
Less than \$20,000	5,282	8.31%	16,498	6.89%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	5,354	8.42%	18,139	7.58%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	5,489	8.63%	21,004	8.77%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	7,134	11.22%	27,069	11.31%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	6,881	10.82%	26,574	11.10%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	14,010	22.03%	53,844	22.49%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8,457	13.30%	32,623	13.63%

\$200,000 to \$299,999	7,333	11.53%	26,882	11.23%
\$300,000 to \$399,999	1,931	3.04%	8,660	3.62%
\$400,000 to \$499,999	579	0.91%	2,630	1.10%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	602	0.95%	2,859	1.19%
\$750,000 to \$999,999	140	0.22%	748	0.31%
\$1,000,000 or more	410	0.65%	1,851	0.77%
2013 Estimated Median Owner-Occupied Housing Unit Value	\$105,931		\$109,662	
2013 Estimated Housing Units by Units in Structure	100,439		375,765	
1 Unit Attached	1,034	1.03%	4,385	1.17%
1 Unit Detached	69,704	69.40%	264,843	70.48%
2 Units	2,581	2.57%	8,863	2.36%
3 or 4 Units	3,056	3.04%	8,812	2.35%
5 to 19 Units	4,521	4.50%	15,158	4.03%
20 to 49 Units	911	0.91%	2,547	0.68%
50 or More Units	847	0.84%	2,578	0.69%
Mobile Home or Trailer	17,722	17.64%	68,042	18.11%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	61	0.06%	537	0.14%
Dominant structure type	1 Unit Detached		1 Unit Detached	
2013 Estimated Housing Units by Year Structure Built	100,439		375,765	
2005 or later	5,727	5.70%	22,123	5.89%
2000 to 2004	8,109	8.07%	35,704	9.50%
1990 to 1999	18,022	17.94%	74,236	19.76%
1980 to 1989	15,900	15.83%	60,024	15.97%
1970 to 1979	18,016	17.94%	66,097	17.59%
1960 to 1969	12,167	12.11%	38,726	10.31%
1950 to 1959	10,278	10.23%	32,494	8.65%
1940 to 1949	6,136	6.11%	21,375	5.69%
1939 or Earlier	6,083	6.06%	24,986	6.65%
2013 Estimated Median Year Structure Built**	1979		1981	
Dominant Year Structure Built	1990 to 1999		1990 to 1999	

** Median Year Built will be unreliable if more than half of the Housing Units in this report area were built in 1939 or earlier.

Source: Nielsen IXPRESS

ATTACHMENT 2 - EXISTING AND EXPANDING INDUSTRY CALHOUN COUNTY

Existing Industries

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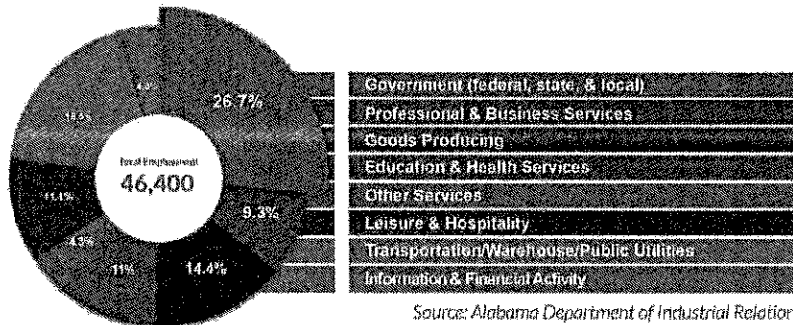
When determining where to expand your business, it is important to first examine the industries that are already present in the community and to see how the industrial environment of the area welcomes those particular assets. Calhoun County is home to a diverse set of industrial sectors including industries related to aerospace, automotive, metal-working, Department of Defense, plastic-injection molding, and logistics and warehousing sectors.

Civilian Labor Force



Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Full-Time & Part-Time Employment by Industry



Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Top 10 Employers

Anniston Army Depot	4,300
Honda Manufacturing of Alabama	4,000
N.E. AL Regional Medical Center	1,685
Calhoun County School System	1,400
Jacksonville State University	1,108
Homeland Security	850
New Flyer of America	765
Oxford City School System	536
Federal-Mogul Corporation	450
Bridgewater Interiors LLC	415

Top 10 Industry Sectors

- Aerospace
- Automotive - OEM
- Department of Defense
- Firearms
- Food Manufacturing
- Logistics & Warehousing
- Machining
- Metalworking
- Plastic Injection Molding
- Wood Products

For more information visit CalhounCountyEDC.org

Why Calhoun County



Why Calhoun County

With our convenient location on the I-20 corridor, we offer you small-town community life a stone's throw away from two of the Southeast's major metropolitan areas. Calhoun County is an energized community, with leaders working tirelessly to promote revitalization and industrial business growth. While nearby big cities provide broad opportunities for personal and career development, access to major retail, excellent culinary and other cultural experiences, we offer our own unique culture — classic Southern hospitality enhanced by our rich history and sense of people and place found only in the comfortable foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

The mild climate offers four true seasons — complete with the rare snowfall in winter, an abundance of colorful blooms in spring, warm summer days and lovely, crisp fall afternoons.

No matter your particular interests, you can find entertainment in our community. For the adventurer, we have world-class mountain biking trails at Coldwater Mountain and gorgeous scenery and hiking at Alabama's highest point at Cheaha State Park; not to mention our close proximity to Talladega Superspeedway for race fans. The cultural arts enthusiast can enjoy a five-star meal and a magical performance with the Knox Concert Series, Oxford Performing Arts Center, and Jacksonville State University student productions. Or, you can have a sauce-dripping barbecue, visit our local farmer's market, drink a craft beer and spend an evening exploring the charm of our downtowns.

When you are looking to enhance the quality of life for your family and employees, then look no further than Calhoun County, Alabama. We are near Atlanta, near Birmingham, near perfect.

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Industrial & Technology Parks

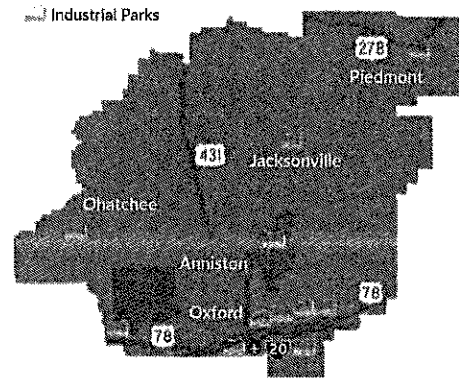
Industrial & Technology Parks

Calhoun County has numerous industrial parks that are perfect for your next industrial expansion! Whether you would like to be located along the I-20 corridor with easy access to both Birmingham and Atlanta or to have your industry located closer to the heart of one of our more populous areas, we have the assets in our industrial parks that are the most ideal for your next industrial venture.

Calhoun County is uniquely situated to offer unsurpassed transportation advantages for companies shipping or receiving their product by rail, truck, or air cargo. The county is located directly on Interstate 20, Highway 431, Highway 78, and Highway 21 for easy ground transportation. The area is also served by 12 motor freight carriers. Norfolk Southern Corporation (a Class I Railroad) provides mainline service and provides inbound and outbound rail transportation to approximately 50% of the United States.

Anniston, Alabama has its own airport with a 7,000 foot lighted runway and provides easy access to both Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (60 miles) and Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (90 miles).

Port access for water transport is closest at Mobile, Alabama which is approximately 289 miles from Anniston, Alabama. Mobile is the 12th largest port in the U.S. by volume with 54.9 million tons of cargo moving in and out of its terminals in 2012.



Transportation Facts



Railway

- Norfolk Southern Railway
- CSX Transportation, Inc.
- Amtrak



General Aviation

- Anniston Municipal Airport
- Longest Runway 7,000 feet
- Runway Lights dusk to dawn



Other Airports

Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

- 70 nonstop and direct flights
- 50 destinations
- 2 airlines, 5 cargo carriers

Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport

- 30 airlines with direct service to most major cities domestic and international

For more information visit CalhounCountyALDC.org

Largest Manufacturing Employers - Calhoun County

Want to know who has found success in Calhoun County? From the federal government to Fortune 500 companies, we are home to a wide variety of successful operations. Here is a list of our top industrial employers:

- Anniston Army Depot 4,300
- Honda Manufacturing Alabama 4,000
 - New Flyer 768
- Federal-Mogul Corporation 464
 - Bridgewater Interiors 415
 - Legacy Cabinets 350
- International Automotive Components 325
- General Dynamics Land Systems 300
 - FabArc Steel Supply Inc. 285
 - Honeywell Aerospace 277
- B.R. Williams Trucking & Logistics 275
 - Lee Brass Company 255
- Tyler Union Waterworks / Union Foundry Operations 242
 - BAE Systems 230
 - CVG Alabama 224
 - General Dynamics OTS 216
 - M&H Valve 180
 - YKK / Tapecraft 170
 - Tyco Fire & Building Products 165
 - Auto Custom Carpets 144

Nonagricultural Employment

Anniston MSA (Calhoun County)

<i>Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction:</i>		800	
<i>Manufacturing:</i>		5,700	
<i>Wholesale Trade:</i>	2,000	<i>Retail Trade:</i>	5,800
<i>Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities:</i>	1,100	<i>Information:</i>	600
<i>Financial Activity:</i>	1,300	<i>Professional & Business Services:</i>	6,000
<i>Education & Health services:</i>	5,300	<i>Leisure & Hospitality:</i>	4,800
<i>Other Services:</i>	1,900	<i>Government:</i>	2,800
<i>Federal:</i>	4,500	<i>State and Local:</i>	8,300

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Kronospan Announces Major Expansion in Oxford, Alabama <http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/konospan-announces-major-expansion-in-oxford-alabama/>

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Oxford, AL – The Calhoun County Economic Development Council (EDC) is pleased to announce the expansion of Kronospan in Oxford, AL. This announcement represents a significant opportunity for the wood-based panel producer that has been operating in Oxford since 2008. The expansion will consist of four projects: (a) two laminate flooring and decorative paper impregnation lines; (b) a particleboard and thermally infused laminate line; (c) an expansion of the KronoChem resin plant; and (d) development of a furniture cluster. Kronospan plans to make a \$362 million capital investment in the expansion and also hire an additional 160 persons for its workforce.

"We sincerely appreciate the State of Alabama, acting through the Department of Commerce, the City of Oxford and Calhoun County for supporting our expansion project and making it a reality," said Tim Pack, Chief Financial Officer of Kronospan.

"I'm honored and pleased to see Kronospan embark on an expansion in Oxford that will create good jobs for the citizens of Calhoun County," Governor Robert Bentley said. "Job creation is my No. 1 priority because it means new opportunities for Alabama residents."

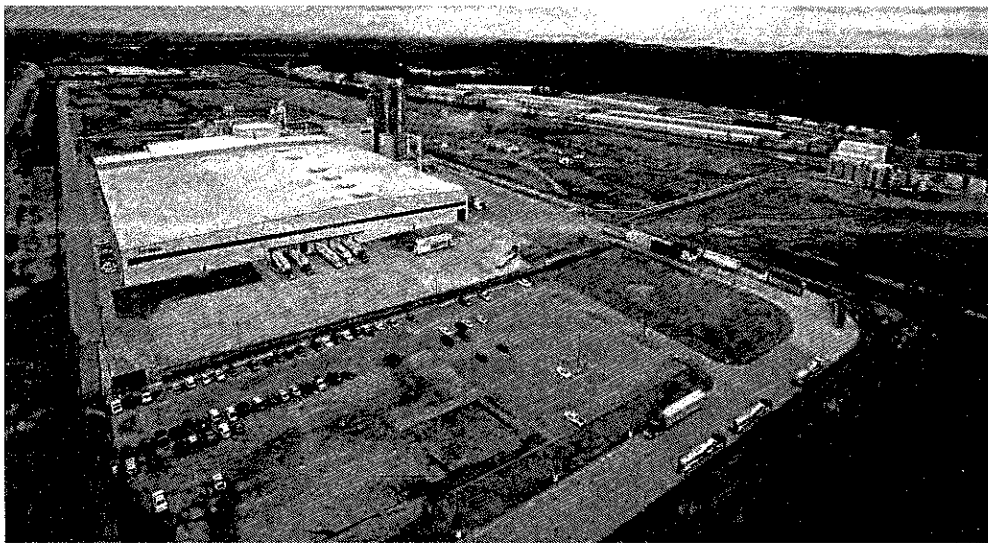
"Kronospan is making a significant investment to expand its production center in Oxford, and we will work closely with the company to ensure that their project is successful," said Greg Canfield, Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce. "We look forward to building on the partnership we have developed with Kronospan since they began operations in Alabama around eight years ago."

"The City of Oxford is delighted about the expansion of Kronospan and the significant economic impact this will have in our community," said Steven Waits, Oxford City Council President. "Kronospan has continued to be a generous corporate citizen for our city, and we are looking forward to their continued presence in Oxford for generations to come."

Once the expansion is completed, Kronospan will have invested \$650 million and will employ more than 270 workers at its Oxford operations facility. This investment will make the company the largest private capital investor in the City of Oxford, said EDC Chairman Larry Deason, "And, it will be one of the largest employers in our area."

Don Hudson, Calhoun County Commissioner, echoed the excitement from the EDC and the City of Oxford. "We are so pleased to see such a significant industry in our community continue to invest in Calhoun County and create new jobs. We are thrilled to witness the future impact this expansion with Kronospan will have in our community."

Kronospan will utilize the services of the local Alabama Career Center to recruit for the expansion project. Hiring for the expansions will be undertaken in phases. A job fair will be conducted at the Career Center located at 1731 Coleman Road in Anniston. An announcement concerning the date and time of the job fair will be made in the near future.



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About Kronospan

Kronospan is a leading manufacturer of wood-based panel products and related value-added products. The Company is privately-owned, with more than 40 manufacturing and distribution sites throughout the world. Kronospan is the top manufacturer globally of MDF, laminate flooring, particleboard and UF resins for wood-based panels; and is the top manufacturer in Europe of OSB.

In 2008, Kronospan started up operations at its Oxford, AL, facility, where it now manufactures MDF, HDF and resins. Notwithstanding very difficult market conditions in the housing industry, Kronospan has maintained its level of employment at the Oxford facility since start-up. Upon completion of the expansion project, Kronospan will represent the largest private capital investment in the City of Oxford and Calhoun County and will be one of the largest employers in the area.

In December 2015, Kronospan made another significant investment in the United States when it acquired Calhoun County Economic Development Council. NGC Industries produces MDF, HDF and laminate flooring. The Pennsylvania operations employ 320 persons.

For more information about Kronospan, visit www.kronospan-worldwide.com (<http://www.kronospan-worldwide.com>) and for more information about Kronospan's products, services and business concepts, visit www.kronospan-express.com (<http://www.kronospan-express.com>) and www.krono-original.com (<http://www.krono-original.com>).

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
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National Gypsum®

June 14, 2016

PAPER COMPANY EXPANDING IN OXFORD, ALABAMA

Oxford, AL – Gypsum paper producer NGC Industries is investing \$26 million to expand its operations in Oxford, a move that could create 14 new jobs over time, the Calhoun County Economic Development Council (EDC) announced today.

The Oxford plant uses discarded cardboard, magazines and trimmings from print shops to produce gypsum board. ~~fact and how we are using the expansion~~ will modernize the plant and increase the efficiency of ~~the~~  output, said EDC Chairman Larry Deason.

"This year marks NGC's 60th anniversary as a corporate citizen of Calhoun County," Deason said. "How fitting that they celebrate and honor the past by investing in their future here. We are proud to partner with them to bring more jobs to the area."

The EDC and the City of Oxford have partnered together to ensure the expansion needs of NGC are met.

"We are excited about the opportunity this expansion project brings to the community and the associates at NGC," said Neal Stephenson, Director of Paper Operations at NGC. "The support we have received from the county and local governments has been instrumental in the company choosing our location for these capital improvements."

"The City of Oxford is committed to advancing the manufacturing sector in our community and we are more than happy to assist NGC in creating new high-paying jobs in Oxford," said Steven Waits, Oxford City Council President. "This project also will further enhance economic development in Oxford."

NGC Industries, LLC, is a subsidiary of National Gypsum Company.

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From the Anniston Star (<http://www.annistonstar.com/>):

A Canadian-based automotive supplier plans to open a plant in Oxford and hire at least 75 workers starting in April.

The Calhoun County Economic Development Council announced Wednesday that Kobay Enstel-South, LLC would be ~~opening~~ ~~the~~ ~~new~~ ~~facility~~ ~~between~~ ~~McIntosh~~ ~~and~~ ~~Long~~ May. Officials said the company would use a building ~~owned~~ ~~by~~ the council and hire workers over the next three years.

"Our mission is to bring jobs to Calhoun County," said Larry Deason, chairman of the council. "These are the kind of skilled labor jobs that we seek, as they match our workforce profile and strengthen our position as a player in Alabama's growing automotive industry."

Kobay produces stamped metal vehicle parts for the automotive industry, such as seat components. According to its website, more than 70 percent of its products are made for Honda, which has a car manufacturing facility in nearby Lincoln.

The company will lease the council's 60,000 square-foot speculative building on McIntosh Road for the next 13 years. A speculative building is a basic structure that a company can quickly renovate to its needs.

"The beauty of a spec building is it gives us a real good leg up on meeting a company's needs," said Don Hopper, executive director of the council.

The Alabama Department of Commerce brought the company to Calhoun County after it struggled to find a suitable spot in the region. Greg Canfield, secretary for the Department of Commerce, said in a Wednesday press release that the spec building was key to Calhoun County becoming Kobay's site choice.

"Kobay Enstel wants to start production during the first quarter, so the EDC's portfolio of spec buildings puts Calhoun County on the short list and made this worthwhile project possible," Canfield said.

Hopper noted that the council had property available so the Kobay can double the size of the building if it needs to expand and hire even more workers.

"They wanted to make sure they could do that," Deason said of the expansion capability.

In a Wednesday press release, Gavin Galansky, president of Kobay, said the company was thrilled to become part of the Anniston-Oxford community.

"We are excited about the opportunity for growth and expansion in the South," Galansky said.

American-Made Products Boosting Alabama Jobs

(<http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/american-made-products-boosting-alabama-jobs/>)

Posted on Wednesday, February 24th, 2016 at 2:15 pm.

Written by Calhoun County EDC (<http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/author/admin/>)

Oxford Executive Director, Don Hopper, and others engaged in the manufacturing sector of Calhoun County and beyond speak out about the positive impacts of "Made in America" in this 20-part series. <http://www.calhouncountyedc.org> **MENU**

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Eastaboga Site Receives AdvantageSite Designation
(<http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/eastaboga-site-receives-advantagesite-designation/>)

Posted on Friday, December 11th, 2015 at 8:02 pm.

Written by Calhoun County EDC (<http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/author/admin/>)

Oxford, AL – The Eastaboga Site in Oxford has received the Alabama AdvantageSite designation.

The AdvantageSite program requires that community economic development organizations provide documentation specific to a proposed industrial site, including a set of standard data related to ownership/control, environmental and geotechnical conditions, and infrastructure status. Sites must also meet size, zoning and accessibility requirements.

The 130 acre site is accessible via John Willis Avenue, which connects to U.S. Highway 78 and leads directly to Interstate 20. All utilities are either on-site or nearby.

The application process was managed locally by the Calhoun County Economic Development Council with a team of local entities supporting and/or participating in the process.

EDC Chairman Larry Deason said the organization is pleased to announce that this site will be the second AdvantageSite in the area.

"The Alabama AdvantageSite program offers prospective businesses peace of mind that all due diligence has been performed on the site and that it is ready to be fully developed within a short time frame," Deputy said. "We are proud of the work performed by our staff, members of the community and other business entities who have ensured that the process of receiving the AdvantageSite designation was smooth and accurate. Receiving this designation is a boon not just for Oxford, but for all of Calhoun County and demonstrates that we are a proactive community ready for business and industry. We look forward to expanding the AdvantageSite program within our community as we prepare more sites."

AdvantageSite is a teamwork approach between the private sector and state and local governments geared toward having prepared product and materials ready for industrial prospects. Alabama now has 46 active AdvantageSites through out the state.

The program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Department of Commerce, Alagasco, Alabama Power Co., the North Alabama Industrial Development Association, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, coordinated by the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama. Representatives from each of the entities actively participate in application reviews and on-site visits to prospective AdvantageSite designees. AdvantageSite is a voluntary industrial site preparedness program created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama. Twenty-one projects have located on sites with AdvantageSite designations since the program's inception in 2008. These projects represent the creation of more than 4,000 jobs and \$900 million in capital investments.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit: <http://www.edpa.org/about-us/advantagesite/> (<http://www.edpa.org/about-us/advantagesite/>).


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Japanese Delegation Visits Calhoun County *(<http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/japanese-delegation-visits-calhoun-county/>)*

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Written by [Calhoun County EDC \(http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/author/admin/\)](http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/author/admin/)

The Southeast United States (SEUS) Japan Conference was recently held in Birmingham, Alabama. This conference was the 38th annual conference of the SEUS Japan Association and Japan SEUS Association. Each year, the conference held between these two organizations alternates between the United States and Japan. This is the first time the event has been hosted by the State of Alabama in fifteen years. The conference is a

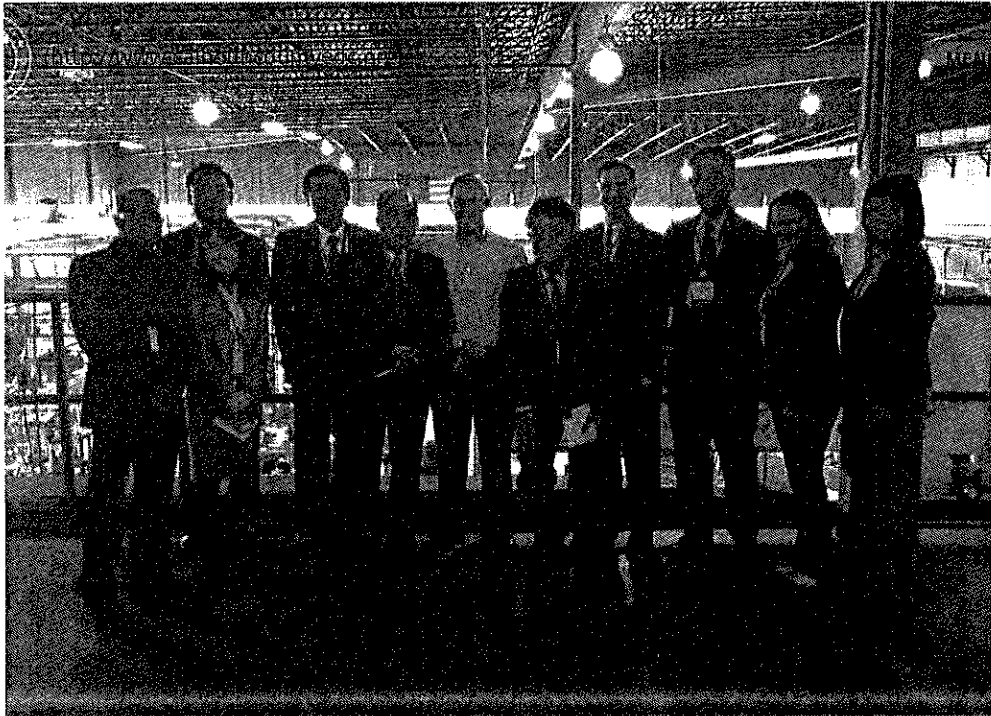
great opportunity to bring together top leadership from Japan and SEUS to provide the best occasion to discuss and <http://www.calhouncountydc.org> in Investment, trade, and other topics that affect both **MENU**  organizations.

The Calhoun County Economic Development Council (EDC) was able to both attend the high-level forum and host a group of Japanese delegates as they learned more about the aerospace industry in Alabama. The EDC partnered with local Oxford Industry, Aerospace Coatings International, to provide a glimpse into the manufacturing environment of Calhoun County and offer the delegates further insight into one of the largest targeted industry sectors for the State of Alabama. During their visit to the Aerospace Coatings facility, the Japanese delegates were able to tour the industry and meet with Pat McCartney, President of Aerospace Coatings.



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“This was an amazing opportunity for us to showcase Calhoun County and the aerospace industries located in our community. We were pleased to welcome the Japanese delegates to Northeast Alabama and look forward to the potential of working with them further in the future,” stated Don Hopper Executive Director of the Calhoun County Economic Development Council.



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Aerospace Coatings International

Aerospace Coatings is a one-stop shop for piece-part repairs, working to deliver high-quality repairs at competitive rates in a timely and cost-effective manner. The organization significantly reduces the cost of fleet for commercial airlines, OEMs, military and personal aircraft by providing world-class component repairs. For more information on Aerospace Coatings International, visit:

<https://www.aerocoatings.com/index.asp> (<https://www.aerocoatings.com/index.asp>).

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Gnulti Carlo Expansion Ribbon Cutting

<http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/gnulti-carlo-expansion-ribbon-cutting/>

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Gnutti Carlo USA of Jacksonville recently celebrated the ribbon cutting of their new 64,000 sq. ft. machine shop at the Jacksonville facility. The expansion in Jacksonville had been an 18 month-long process which saw their facility become the North American epicenter for Gnutti Carlo's operations.




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Paolo Groff, CEO of Gnutti Carlo, stated at the ribbon cutting, "We have invested here in Alabama more than \$9 million between the foundry and machine shop. We still believe this site has significant potential."

Since 2013, the Calhoun County Economic Development Council (EDC), City of Jacksonville, and the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) have partnered together to ensure the availability of qualified workforce for Gnutti Carlo's needs. Previously known as Shelco Foundries, Gnutti Carlo has created 75 new positions over the past two years.

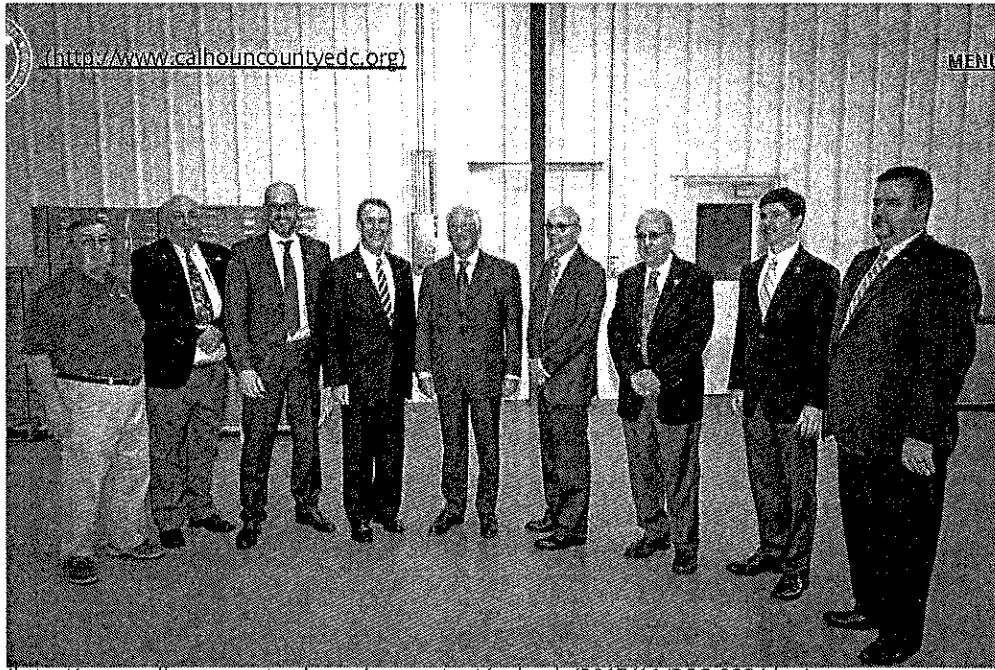
"Over the past two years the EDC has had the privilege of working with Gnutti Carlo to further establish their presence in Alabama. We are ecstatic to see those efforts into fruition with the ribbon cutting of their machine shop and the creation of 75 new jobs. We are looking forward to working with them further as their facility in Jacksonville fills their needs for their North American market," said Don Hopper, the Executive Director of the Calhoun County Economic Development Council.

Gnuttì Carlo in Jacksonville casts ductile iron components such as brackets, rocker arms, truck door hinges, and water fittings. The company's primary customers include major OEM manufacturers such as  Caterpillar MTU, Navistar, Deutz, Ford Motor Company.

For more information on Gnuttì Carlo USA, visit their website: <http://www.gnutticarlo.com/en/>
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Leadership Calhoun County Industry Day (<http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/374/>)

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Leadership Calhoun County Industry Day

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce created the Leadership Calhoun County (LCC) program as a tool to better prepare and build upon leadership resources within the county; each class contains emerging leaders from the northeast Alabama region. For the month of October, the LCC class was introduced to numerous industrial and manufacturing industries as part of the LCC Industry Day. Lindsay Ward, the Director of Business Development for the Calhoun County Economic Development Council, chaired the LCC Industry Day and organized plant tours for the LCC class to learn about the role manufacturing plays in our community.



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The LCC group, led by Lisa Morales, began the day with a presentation from Brian McVeigh, the District Attorney [for Calhoun County, Alabama](http://www.CalhounCountyEconomicDev.org) his personal path to leadership. After the leadership ~~series~~ discussion, the LCC group then heard about the economic development initiatives that are taking place with the McClellan Development Authority (MDA). Robin Scott, Executive Director of MDA, discussed the role economic development and industry has played in the life of the former fort and what we can expect to see in its future. Following the discussion around MDA, the class then heard from Don Hopper, the Executive Director for the Calhoun County Economic Development Council (EDC). Mr. Hopper discussed the EDC's position in recruiting industry to Calhoun County and went into further detail regarding the success of the programs with the new and expanding industries for our region.

Once the LCC class finished the morning discussion revolving around economic development, they then dispersed into smaller groups to tour different industries in our community and to see first-hand the impact of manufacturing. The LCC groups were able to tour the following industries throughout our area: Changer & Dresser; Gnutti Carlo, USA; Carmin Industries; TapeCraft; Aerospace Coatings International; Eastman; Southern Custom Exhibits; Doncasters-Southern Tool; BAE Systems; Lee Brass; Auto Custom Carpets; The Supply Room; Civilian Marksmanship Program; B.R. Williams Trucking; FITCO; Tyler Union; International Automotive Components; and Federal Mogul. For more information on the Leadership Calhoun County Program contact Lisa Morales with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce at 256-237-3536 or at LisaM@CalhounChamber.com (<mailto:LisaM@CalhounChamber.com>).



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[EMS CO Expansion \(http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/emsco-expansion/\)](http://www.calhouncountyedc.org/emsco-expansion/) -MENU ☰

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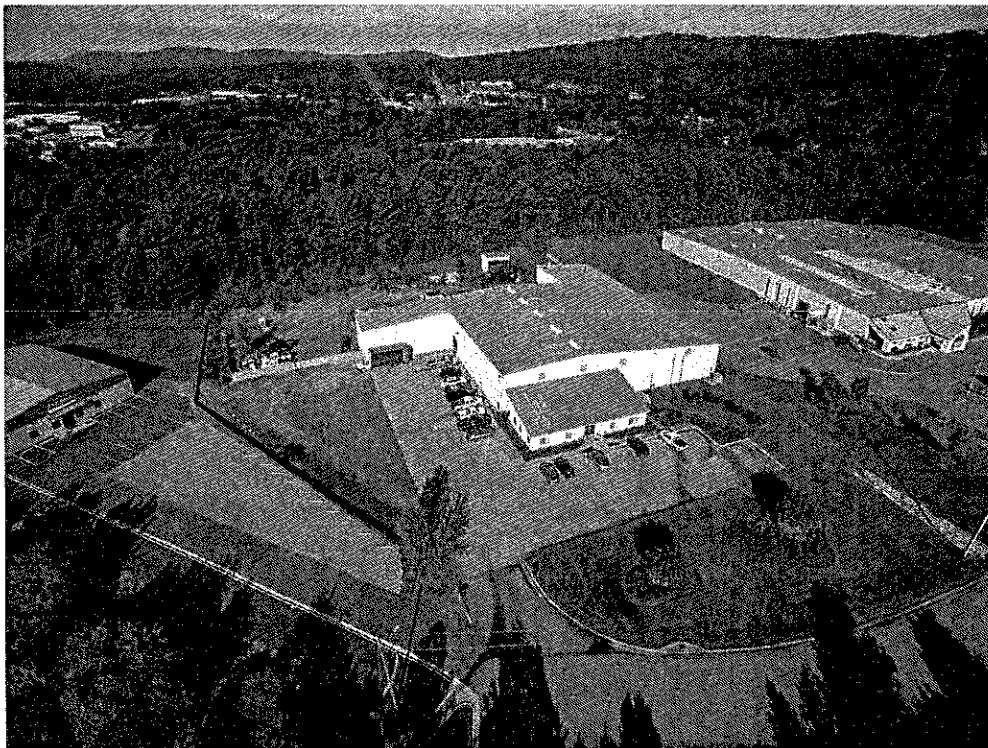
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EMSCO EXPANDING IN ANNISTON, ALABAMA



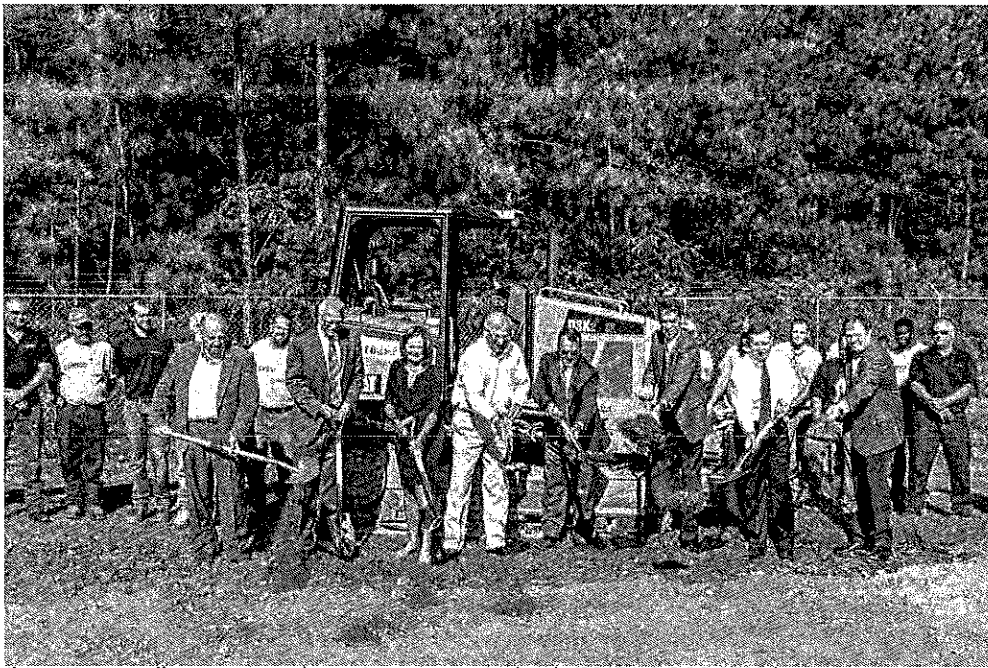
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Anniston, AL – The Calhoun County Economic Development Council (EDC) is pleased to announce that local existing industry, EMSCO, will be expanding their Anniston operations. MENU ≡

EMSCO has been serving foundries all over the United States from their Anniston location for over 30 years. Founded in 1977 as Electric Melting Service Company, EMSCO services and installs induction equipment produced by any OEM. Known as the Melting Industry's First Responder, EMSCO operates on the principle that foundries choose suppliers that understand their needs and have established core principles of quick customer response and dedicated customer service that their customers have come to depend on.

The \$4 million expansion to their existing facility will expand their current workforce with the addition of 14 new jobs. The new development at EMSCO will allow for the company to begin production on a new initiative known as HyprCool® Hybrid Process Cooling Systems; this new process will use hybrid adiabatic technology to use less water to cool heating towers that are used for metal-working. This process will prevent overheating during the summer and freezing during the winter season.

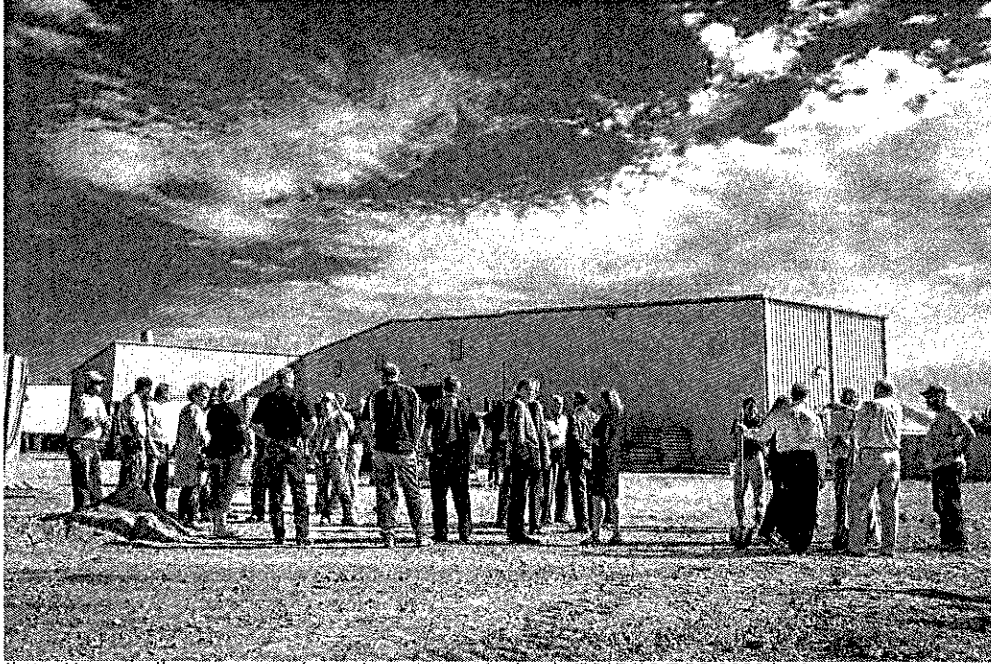
EMSO President Jim Dyer stated, "We have been very pleased with the quality workforce that has run our Southern Operations for three decades. It became an easy choice to expand our operations in Anniston."



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Over the past year and a half, the EDC has worked diligently with EMSCO to see their expansion to fruition. "We are thrilled to have EMSCO expanding their operations at their current facility in Anniston," stated Larry Deason, Chairman of the Calhoun County Economic Development Council. "This is an industry that we have developed a strong relationship and worked with to make sure that their expansion needs are met and the best possible scenario is reached."

"We look forward to furthering our footprint within both Anniston and Calhoun County as the expansion plans take off," said my Horton, Vice President and General Manager of Operations at EMSCO. Horton also said that estimated completion date will be May 2016.



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EMSCO

Founded in 1977 as Electric Melting Service Company, EMSCO has developed a reputation as the Melting Industry's First Responder. EMSCO, Inc. has four locations in the United States: EMSCO North in Massillon, OH; EMSCO South in Anniston, AL; EMSCO Installations in Rancocas, NJ; and EMSCO West in Pico Rivera, CA. For more details on EMSCO, please visit www.emsco.com (<http://www.emsco.com>) .

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ATTACHMENT 3 - SHCC ADOPTED ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES

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**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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JERRY L. BASSET, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, § 41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are a correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on the 9th day of December, 2016, and filed with the agency secretary on the 22nd day of December, 2016.

AGENCY NAME: State Health Planning and Development Agency
(Statewide Health Coordinating Council)

Amendment; New; Repeal; (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No. 410-2-5-04(2) - (5)

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

Rule Title: Plan Revision Procedures

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted without changes from the proposal due to written and oral comments;

No public comments were received; the rule was adopted without changes and as published for comment in the Alabama Administrative Monthly.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XXXIV

ISSUE NO. 11, DATED August 31, 2016.


Statutory Rulemaking Authority: Code of Alabama, 1975 §§ 22-21-260(13), (15).

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State Health Planning and Development Agency
(Certifying Officer or his or her Deputy)

(NOTE: In accordance with § 41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

410-2-5-.04 Plan Revision Procedures

(1) Introduction. The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) is responsible for the development of the State Health Plan (SHP) with final approval resting with the Governor. The SHCC desires (a) a process that will maintain a viable and current SHP; (b) a coordinated system of revising the SHP; and (c) an application form to be used by individuals, groups, or other entities that request a specific revision to the SHP commonly called an adjustment.

(2) There are three types of plan revisions:

(a) Plan Adjustment – In addition to such other criteria that may be set out in the SHP, a requested modification or exception, to the SHP, of limited duration, to permit additional facilities, beds, services, or equipment to address circumstances and meet the identified needs of a specific county, or part thereof, or another specific planning region that is less than statewide and identified in the State Health Plan. A Plan Adjustment is not of general applicability and is thus not subject to the AAPA's rulemaking requirements. Unless otherwise provided by the SHCC, a Plan Adjustment shall be valid for only one (1) year from the date the Plan Adjustment becomes effective, subject to the exceptions provided in this paragraph 2(a). If an Application is not filed with SHPDA seeking a Certificate of Need for all or part of the additional facilities, beds, services or equipment identified in the Plan Adjustment within one (1) year of the Plan Adjustment, the Plan Adjustment shall expire and be null and void. If an Application(s) seeking a Certificate of Need for all or part of the additional facilities, beds, services or equipment identified in the Plan Adjustment is filed prior to the expiration of the one (1) year period, the Plan Adjustment shall remain effective for purposes of such pending Certificate of Need Application(s). Such one (1) year period shall be further extended for the duration of any deadline provided by SHPDA for the filing of applications as part of a batching schedule established in response to a letter of intent filed within nine (9) months of the effective date of the adjustment. Upon the expiration of such deadlines, no Certificate of Need Applications shall be accepted by SHPDA which are based, in whole or in part, upon the expired Plan Adjustment.

(b) Statistical Update – An update of a specific section of the SHP to reflect more current population, utilization, or other statistical data.

(c) Plan Amendment – The alteration or adoption of rules, policies, methodologies, or any other plan revision that does not meet the plan adjustment or statistical update definition. An amendment is of "general applicability" and subject to the AAPA's rulemaking requirements.

(3) Application Procedures.

(a) Application Procedure for Plan Adjustment – Any person may propose an adjustment to the SHP, which will be considered in accordance with the provisions of SHPDA Rule 410-2-5-.04(4). The proposal will state with specificity the proposed language of the adjustment on such forms as may be prescribed by SHPDA from time to time and shall meet the electronic filing requirements of SHPDA Rule 410-1-3-.09 (Electronic Filing).

(b) Procedure for Statistical Update – SHPDA staff shall make statistical updates to the SHP as needed. The SHCC shall be informed at its next regularly scheduled meeting of such updates.

(c) Application Procedure for Plan Amendment – Any person may propose an amendment to the SHP by submitting a detailed description of the proposal to the SHPDA, on such forms as may be prescribed by SHPDA from time to time, in accordance with the electronic filing requirements of SHPDA Rule 410-1-3-.09 (Electronic Filing). Such amendment shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of Rule 410-2-5-.04(4). The proposal will state with specificity the proposed language of the amendment. If it is to amend a methodology, the exact formula will be included, as well as the results of the application of the formula. The SHCC may also consider Plan Amendments on its own motion.

(4) Review Cycle

(a) Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of an application for an amendment or adjustment, the SHPDA staff shall determine if the applicant has furnished all required information for SHCC review and may thus be accepted as complete. The SHCC Chairman and the applicant will be notified when the application is accepted as complete.

(b) Within forty-five (45) days after the application is deemed complete, the application will be added to the SHCC calendar for review. SHPDA shall provide notice of the application for an amendment or adjustment when the application is deemed complete to: (1) all health care facilities holding a Certificate of Need in the county where the adjustment is requested; (2) all certificated health care facilities known to provide similar services in adjacent counties; and (3) such health care associations, state agencies and other entities that have requested to be placed on SHPDA's general notice list for such county. Once an application is deemed complete, persons other than the applicant will have thirty (30) days from the date of completion to electronically file statements in opposition to or in support of the application, as well as any other documentation they wish to be considered by the SHCC. All such documentation shall be filed with SHPDA in accordance with the provisions of Rule 410-1-3-.09 (Electronic Filing), together with a certification that it has been served on the applicant and/or any other persons that have filed notices of support or opposition to the application. No documentation may be submitted beyond the deadlines in this subsection and subsection (3) unless authorized by written order issued by the Chairperson. All persons shall adhere to SHPDA's rules governing electronic filing.

(c) A person seeking a Plan Adjustment shall also provide proof of publication of a notice of the proposed adjustment and the SHCC hearing or meeting scheduled to consider the adjustment

in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the proposed adjustment is requested, as well as any other county in the service area for which the adjustment is proposed. Such notice shall be published between fifteen (15) and twenty (20) days prior to the hearing date and shall be in such form as may be prescribed by SHPDA's Executive Director.

(d) Procedure for Consideration of Plan Adjustments. Proposed Plan Adjustments deemed complete will be placed on the SHCC agenda (individually or collectively) for a public hearing without further action by the SHCC. Interested parties may address the proposed Plan Adjustments at the SHCC meeting, subject to such time limits and notice requirements as may be imposed by the SHCC Chairman. If the SHCC approves the Plan Adjustment in whole or in part, the adjustment, along with the SHCC's favorable recommendation, will be sent to the Governor for his consideration and approval/disapproval. A Plan Adjustment shall be deemed disapproved by the Governor if not acted upon within fifteen (15) days.

(e) Procedure for Consideration of Plan Amendments. A proposed Plan Amendment deemed complete will be placed on the SHCC agenda (individually or along with other proposed amendments) for an initial determination if the proposed amendment should be published in accordance with the AAPA and set for public hearing. At the Chairman's discretion, interested parties may be allowed to address the SHCC regarding the proposed amendments prior to such initial consideration. If the SHCC accepts the amendment for publication and hearing in accordance with the AAPA, SHPDA shall cause such publication and notice to be issued in accordance with the AAPA and the provisions of Rule 410-1-3-.10. Interested parties may address the proposed Plan Amendment at the SHCC meeting, subject to such time limits and notice requirements as may be imposed by the SHCC Chairman.

(f) If approved by the SHCC, a Plan Amendment, along with the SHCC's favorable recommendation, will be sent to the Governor for his approval or disapproval. A Plan Amendment shall be deemed disapproved by the Governor if not acted upon within fifteen (15) days. Upon approval by the Governor, a Plan Amendment shall be filed with the Legislative Reference Service for further review in accordance with the AAPA. No party shall have any rights of administrative review, reconsideration or appeal of the approval or denial of a Plan Amendment except as may be specifically provided in the AAPA.

(g) MEDIATION. At the discretion of the Chairman of the SHCC, non-binding mediation may be used to resolve differences between interested parties in regard to any pending matter before the SHCC. Said mediation will be conducted by the Chairman of the SHCC or his or her designee. Any modification or compromise relating to a pending proposal resulting from the mediation shall be sent to all interested parties as defined in paragraph (4)(b). No statement, representation or comment by any party to the Mediation shall be used, cited to, referenced or otherwise introduced at the SHCC's hearing on the proposal in question. Any proposed compromise or other agreement between the parties shall not be binding upon the SHCC.

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Author: Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

Statutory Authority: § 22-21-260(4), Code of Alabama, 1975.

History: Effective November 22, 2004. Amended: Filed: February 1, 2013; effective: March 8, 2013. Amended: Filed: December 22, 2016; effective: February 6, 2017.

ATTACHMENT 4 - LETTERS and STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

CALHOUN COUNTY
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Matthew Wade
Sheriff

March 2, 2017

Mr. Alva Lambert, Executive Director
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Wade".

Matthew Wade, Sheriff
Calhoun County Alabama

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John Garlick, Chief Deputy
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Naila Siddiqui", written over a horizontal line.

Naila Siddiqui, M.D.

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Sincerely,

Tim Hodges
Chairman
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TH:jb



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Fred Wilson
Commissioner, District 1

FW:jh



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Commissioner, District 5

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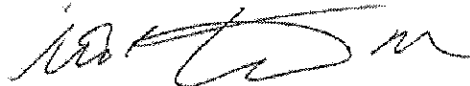
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Sincerely,



William C. Ferguson, M.D.



February 14, 2017

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Teri Tebo

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February 7, 2017

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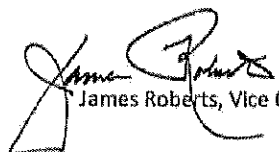
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Sincerely,



James Roberts, Vice Chairman

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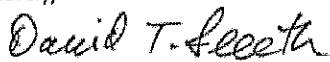
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David Sleeth, M.D.

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PSYCHIATRY

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Bud Owsley

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Jimmie Thompson, III, Secretary

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Billy Grizzard, Chairman

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January 27, 2017

Mr. Alva Lambert, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Lambert:

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Sincerely,

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David Zinn, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer

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Blane Bateman, D.O.
Chief of Staff

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Andrea Thomas, M.D.



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Michael Bobo, M.D.



P. O. Box 1888 Birmingham, Alabama 35201-1888

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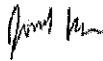
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Joseph Kaplan, M.D.

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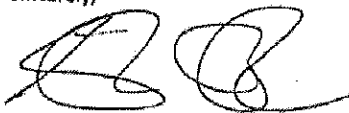
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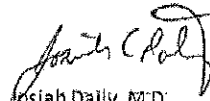
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