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In Rockingham County May 7 (L-R), Mayor Jay Donecker, City of Reidsville; Leigh Cockram, Director, Rockingham County Economic Development Commission; Secretary Copeland; Tim Yaggi, President & CEO, Pella Corporation; and A. Reece Pyrtle Jr., Chair, Rockingham County Board of Commissioners.

Window and Door Manufacturer Pella to Bring New Manufacturing Facility, 124 Jobs to Rockingham County

Pella Corporation, a leading manufacturer of window and door products for residential and commercial use, will create 124 jobs at its new manufacturing facility in Rockingham County, **Governor Roy Cooper** announced May 7. The company will invest nearly \$20 million in the new operation and hiring will begin in the fourth quarter of 2019.

North Carolina Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland headlined an event held at the Rockingham Governmental Building in Reidsville to announce the project.

"In North Carolina we're proud of our manufacturing expertise and our skilled workforce that helps companies thrive here," said **Governor Cooper**. "We're excited to welcome Pella to Rockingham County and know they will find talented North Carolinians ready to get to work."

Founded in 1925, Pella is a family-owned company known for designing and building innovative window and door products. The company is headquartered in Pella, Iowa, and employs



(L-R) Charles Upchurch, Senior Counselor, French | West | Vaughn; Secretary Copeland; Milton Guerry, President, SCHUNK USA.

Secretary Copeland Cuts the Ribbon to Celebrate SCHUNK Expansion

N.C. Commerce Secretary Tony Copeland joined company and local officials to celebrate an expansion at SCHUNK in Morrisville last Friday (May 14). The company, headquartered in Germany, manufactures gripping systems and clamping technology that serves manufacturers.

The ribbon cutting marks the third expansion for SCHUNK in Morrisville, this time more than doubling its technology, manufacturing and office footprint. As of 2018, SCHUNK had invested more than \$100 million in infrastructure and salaries locally, according to information provided by the company. The new facility, combined with investments in personnel over the next five years, represents another \$60 million for the region's economy, and roughly 100 new jobs.

The grand opening was preceded by SCHUNK's Technology Day. An annual industry event, "Tech Day" featured exhibits and presentations from SCHUNK and partner companies on a variety of topics concerning the manufacturing and robotics industries.

Appalachian Regional Commission Announces Substance Abuse Advisory Council

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) announced the formation of the

more than 7,000 people.

"We are known for our core values including total integrity in everything we do, teamwork and respect, and giving back to our communities. After an extensive site selection process, we are confident that the Reidsville community not only has a quality workforce but is also well aligned with these values and will help us continue to live up to our reputation as a great place to work." said **Tim Yaggi, CEO, Pella Corporation**.

"Once companies like Pella understand the advantages that North Carolina offers to manufacturers, they're eager to locate here," said **Secretary Copeland**. "We're seeing more manufacturers locating and expanding here every year, enjoying our business-friendly climate, East Coast location and a workforce ready to roll up their sleeves."

Pella will create a variety of positions in Rockingham County, and the average salaries will be \$41,648, above the county average of \$35,401.

Pella's expansion will be facilitated, in part, by a Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) which authorizes the potential reimbursement to the company of up to \$1,214,000 spread over 12 years.

Partnering with [N.C. Commerce](#) and the [Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina](#) on this project were the [North Carolina General Assembly](#), the [North Carolina Community College System](#), the [Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board](#), [Rockingham County Schools](#), [Rockingham County](#), and the [City of Reidsville](#).

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(L-R) Ross Streater, Chair, Anson County Board of Commissioners; Ashley Carter, Chief Operating Officer, Loba-Wakol; Chief Deputy Secretary Crabill; Shelby Emrich, President and CEO, Anson County Chamber of Commerce.

Adhesives & Sealants Manufacturing Company Will Invest \$6.6 Million in Anson County

Loba-Wakol, LLC, a supplier to the wood and resilient flooring industry, will expand their operations in North Carolina, establishing a new distribution and warehouse facility in Anson County and creating 24 jobs, **Governor Roy Cooper** announced May 9. The company plans to invest \$6.6 million in Wadesboro.

Substance Abuse Advisory Council (SAAC) yesterday (May 13), a 24 member volunteer advisory group of leaders from law enforcement, recovery services, health, economic development, private industry, education, state government and other sectors. The SAAC will develop recommendations for ARC to consider as part of a strategic plan to build and strengthen recovery ecosystems in Appalachian communities by drawing on their own experiences, as well as community insight gathered during a recent series of listening sessions conducted by ARC.

According to a new report issued by the National Association of Counties (NaCO) and ARC, the 2017 death rate for opioid overdoses in Appalachian counties was an astounding 72 percent higher than non-Appalachian counties.

N.C. Commerce's Olivia Collier, the ARC Program Manager for North Carolina, will serve on the new council.

The Appalachian Regional Commission is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments that focuses on 420 counties across the Appalachian Region, 29 in North Carolina. This year, Governor Roy Cooper is serving as the organization's States' Co-Chair.

[Read the ARC Press Release.](#)

[New Report: Opioids in Appalachia: The Role of Counties in Reversing a Regional Epidemic.](#)

Rural Division's CDBG Team Issues Funding Opportunity Notice

Local government officials can take advantage of a new funding opportunity from the Neighborhood Revitalization grant program managed by Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division.

A recently published funding notice outlines details of the opportunity, which includes a total of \$10 million in the round. The maximum award ceiling for any one grant is \$750,000.

The Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) category is designed to provide grants to local unit of governments for housing, housing related activities, and public facilities that support housing activities for low-to moderate-income persons. Awards are made on a competitive basis based on the number of applications received compared to funding availability.

Applications are being accepted until Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 5:00pm

"North Carolina offers an ideal location, skilled workforce, and strong transportation networks for international companies looking to expand their North American operations," said **Governor Cooper**. "We're proud to welcome this company and these new jobs to our state."

Loba-Wakol, LLC is the North American subsidiary of two respected German manufacturing companies, Loba and Wakol. Both companies have been considered leading suppliers for adhesives and finishes for nearly 100 years, offering innovative solutions and systems for a range of industries. They manufacture a wide range of adhesives and coatings for the flooring industry and produce products for the upholstery industry, mattress industry, and the metal packaging industry as well.

"The cooperation with Anson County and the State of North Carolina provides us with an optimal opportunity to further expand our North American operations. The Loba-Wakol brand enjoys a distinguished reputation and stands for technical competence, premium products, and outstanding service," said **Ashley Carter, Chief Operating Officer, for Loba-Wakol, LLC**. "The extremely high level of commitment from the people involved mimics our core values and has convinced us that Anson County, North Carolina is the ideal partner for our organization."

"Loba-Wakol's decision today once again expands North Carolina's international business presence," said **North Carolina Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland**. "Our favorable business climate and hard-working people continue to win our state many friends in the business world."

The average annual wage of the new jobs will be \$43,750. The average wage in Anson County is currently \$33,358.

A performance-based grant of \$70,000 from the One North Carolina Fund will help facilitate Loba-Wakol's move into Anson County. The One NC Fund provides financial assistance to local governments to help attract economic investment and to create jobs.

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

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[Review the complete Funding Notice.](#)



Attendees at ATI's inaugural Automation Expo preview live demonstrations of the latest robotics equipment.

Engineers Nationwide Converge at ATI's New Triangle Robotics Hub

ATI Industrial Automation, a leading developer of robotic end effectors, welcomed engineers from around the country for a celebration of automation technology at the 2019 Automation Expo held in Apex last week (May 9). Over 200 attendees from a variety of industries including Automotive, Aerospace, Medical and Manufacturing flocked to ATI's recently-expanded headquarters for a day of education, networking, new product introductions and innovative automation expertise. Students and researchers from around the country also took part in the event.

The Expo was headlined by state-of-the-industry presentations from recognized robotics experts on a variety of automation and manufacturing topics. Live robotics displays featuring the company's latest products demonstrated how ATI's leading-edge technology is leveraged for improved productivity in a vast range of applications.

The event highlighted the official opening of ATI headquarters' newest addition, which increases the facility's footprint to 185,000 square feet, and nearly doubles employment at the facility to 575 people. Most of the new jobs were skilled positions in Engineering, Sales and Manufacturing.

On Our Radar

- [These make \\$ense: Why startups should seek federal grants as a source of capital](#) (WRAL TechWire - May 9)
- [North Carolina awards \\$9.8M in grants to boost rural Internet speeds](#) (WRAL TechWire - May 8)



Secretary Copeland with Joanne Chu, Director for the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office.

Copeland Meets Hong Kong Representative

The director for Hong Kong's Economic and Trade Office visited Commerce recently to meet Secretary Tony Copeland.

Joanne Chu stopped by the agency on April 30.

During their visit, she and Secretary Copeland discussed the future economic relationship among the United States, China and Hong Kong. Following the meeting, Director Chu said the visit certainly paves the way for a stronger partnership between North Carolina and Hong Kong and she looks forward to working with N.C. Commerce in promoting further trade and economic collaborations in future.

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- [New Report: Small Business Dynamism in North Carolina](#) (N.C. Rural Center - May 7)
 - [Kara Swisher: Can anyone tame the next internet?](#) (VOX.com - May 1)
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N.C. in the News

- [German company plans 24-job move to Anson County from Charlotte](#) *Charlotte Business Journal* - May 10)
- [BSH Home Appliances Corp. Celebrates N.C. Dishwasher Plant Expansion](#) *Dealerscope* - May 10)
- [Investment will yield 24 new jobs, with average pay \\$43,750](#) *Anson Record* - May 9)
- [Details on Cree's massive, \\$1B expansion in Durham](#) *Triangle Business Journal* - May 7)

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