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Highlights from the North Carolina Department of Commerce



(Left-right) NC Community College System President Dr. Scott Ralls; Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker; Patheon Chief of Staff Gary Shope; Governor Pat McCrory; Patheon Greenville site General Manager Andrew "AJ" Crerar; Chief Human Resource Officer Rebecca Holland ; and PDS Senior Director Louise Hall

488 New Jobs Announced in Patheon Expansion in Pitt Co.

Governor Pat McCrory and North Carolina Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced Oct. 3 that DPx Holdings B.V. and its business unit Patheon, a leading provider of contract development and commercial manufacturing services to the global pharmaceutical industry, will expand its operations in Pitt County. The company plans to create 488 jobs in Greenville by the end of 2019 and invest \$159 million to increase the site's capabilities as well as modernize the site and develop energy efficiency programs at the facility. The investment will also make the Greenville site home of Patheon's North American Sterile Facility as well as boost growth for its Pharmaceutical Development Services (PDS) offering, which will be built out at the site.

"To know that a growing company like DPx Holdings has chosen to expand its Patheon facility in North Carolina is a great sign that we are on the right track in building our state's economy," said Governor McCrory. "This company is part of one of the fastest growing industries in the country, and it is great to have them call North Carolina home."

"The decision by Patheon to expand and make a major financial commitment to its Greenville facility sends all of the right signals about locating in North Carolina," said Secretary Decker. "Obviously North Carolina is providing the workforce and quality of life that is attractive to companies in the rapidly growing pharmaceutical industry."

Patheon contracts with large and small pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies to develop, manufacture and distribute its drugs and therapies. DPx Holdings' U.S.



Governor Pat McCrory and Secretary Sharon Decker toured manufacturing sites statewide on Friday; This, the first stop, was at Godwin Manufacturing in Dunn

Manufacturing in N.C. Celebrated

Governor Pat McCrory and North Carolina Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker toured factories across the state on Friday (Oct. 3) to highlight the state's skilled and productive manufacturing workforce in conjunction with the national Manufacturing Day celebration. Manufacturing Day is designed to expand public knowledge about, and improve the perception of, manufacturing careers and manufacturing's value to our national and local economies.

headquarters is located in Durham and the company also has a manufacturing facility in High Point. The company currently has more than 1,680 employees in North Carolina, including more than 1,000 at its Pitt County facility. Globally the company has over 8,000 employees at more than 20 locations. The expansion will address Patheon's need for additional manufacturing and development capacity.

[Donna Phillips](#), Business Developer for the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. led this project. Other partners who assisted with this announcement include: Economic Development Partnership of N.C., NC Community College System, East Carolina University, Pitt Community College, Pitt County and Pitt County Development Commission.

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Argos Therapeutics to Add 236 Jobs in Durham Expansion

Governor Pat McCrory and North Carolina Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced Oct. 3 that Argos Therapeutics will be expanding in Durham County. The company plans to create an additional 236 jobs by the end of 2018 and invest \$56.6 million to build a commercial FDA compliant bio-manufacturing facility.

Argos Therapeutics is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of personalized immunotherapies for the treatment of cancer and infectious disease. The company's proprietary Arcelis technology platform is designed to induce a potent immune response that is specifically targeted to each patient's disease.

"Argos' cutting edge work in personalized immunotherapy may lead to new treatments for people living with cancer, HIV and other serious illnesses," said Governor McCrory. "It is exciting to see this biopharma company continue to grow in North Carolina. We want to help more companies like Argos bring innovative new therapies and technologies to the commercial market."

Argos Therapeutics will build a 97,500 square foot bio-manufacturing facility in Durham to support continued research and, pending FDA approval, global marketing for its immunotherapy products. The company plans to expand manufacturing as well as research and development jobs over the next four years.

"North Carolina's business friendly environment and partnership with the North Carolina Biotechnology Center make us an attractive fit for Argos," said Secretary Decker. "We look forward to watching this company's unique product develop and succeed."

Commerce's Bernard Torain, who recently retired from the Department, managed this project. Other partners who assisted with this announcement include: Economic Development Partnership of N.C., NC Community College System, North Carolina Biotechnology Center, NC State



Governor McCrory and Secretary Decker thank Triumph employee and Air Force veteran Dan Snyder for his service to our country during a stop at the company's facility in Clemmons

"Manufacturing employs 442,500 North Carolinians," said Governor McCrory. "Today, we are letting the world know that North Carolina has the skilled workforce to produce quality products at a competitive price. North Carolina has always valued people and companies that make things. Manufacturing is part of our culture and crucial to the future of our economy."

"North Carolina is a leader in the southeast and in the nation when it comes to manufacturing," said Secretary Decker. "We have been recognized as having the most productive workforce of the top manufacturing states, so we are continuing to attract new manufacturing companies as well as the expansion of companies that already have a presence here. It is an important point when we are talking to industries about locating in North Carolina."

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Richard Lindenmuth, CEO, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

University Economic Development Partnership, Durham County, City of Durham, Durham Chamber of Commerce and NC Central University's BRITE Program.

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Linamar Corporation to Expand Operations in Wilson County

Governor Pat McCrory and North Carolina Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced Sept. 26 that Linamar Corporation will be acquiring and expanding the Carolina Forge Company facility in Wilson County. The company plans to expand the existing facility and create an additional 125 jobs in Wilson by the end of 2019 and invest \$40 million in Wilson County.

"The automotive industry is one of the key sectors in our economic development strategy," Governor McCrory said. "By expanding this manufacturing facility in Wilson, Linamar Corporation is making an important step in continuing to grow that industry here in North Carolina, especially in the eastern part of our state."

Linamar Corporation is based in Guelph, Ontario and is a world-class designer and manufacturer of components and systems for the automotive industry, energy and mobile industrial markets. It is a leading supplier of engine, transmission, driveline and mobile aerial work programs.

"We are excited about the completion of this acquisition bolstering our presence in North Carolina and establishing us firmly in the forging business in North America," said Linamar CEO Linda Hasenfratz. "We have had a great experience so far in North Carolina with a great skilled and motivated employee base and lots of opportunity in the region. We look forward to welcoming CFC into our family and continuing to grow our business here in North Carolina."

"This move by Linamar Corporation not only adds much needed jobs to eastern North Carolina, but also preserves the existing jobs from Carolina Forge Company," said Secretary Decker. "The \$40 million investment the company is making here will eventually mean \$4 million in net state revenue."

Partnership Business Developer [April Kappler](#) managed this project. Other partners who assisted with this announcement include: NC Community College System, NC Works, Economic Development Partnership of N.C., Wilson County, the City of Wilson, Wilson Economic Development Council and Wilson on the Move.

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Harvest Power Division Headquarters Locating in Iredell County

Governor Pat McCrory and N.C. Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced Oct. 2 that Harvest Garden Pro, LLC a division of Harvest Power, Inc. is planning to locate its division

North Carolina Launches Nonprofit Corporation to Lead State's Economic Recruitment and Growth

The Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) officially began operations Oct. 6, marking a new approach to how the state recruits businesses and helps existing companies grow.

The nonprofit corporation was created to consolidate and enhance North Carolina's marketing and recruitment functions, previously conducted by the N.C. Department of Commerce. Under a contract with the state, the EDPNC will oversee efforts in economic development, international trade, and tourism, film and sports development.

"North Carolina is open for business. We have a new office, a new structure and a bold new approach to how we sell this state," said Governor Pat McCrory. "We will aggressively recruit businesses worldwide and help our existing companies grow, creating jobs and opportunities across this state and competing more effectively for business growth."

Using as a road map the state's 10-year jobs plan, authored by the N.C. Economic Development Board on behalf of Gov. McCrory, the EDPNC will proactively develop prospects and manage relationships with businesses and then partner with the Department of Commerce, which retains responsibility for state funds and decisions on job-creation incentive packages.

"This new structure gives us a big competitive advantage because we're enlisting public and private resources to help us promote the state's incredible assets," said EDPNC Chairman John Lassiter, of Charlotte, president of Carolina Legal Staffing. "We will be strategic and flexible, and serve as a company's single point of contact, with a greater focus on customer service and accountability."

The EDPNC will foster collaboration between businesses and government, local and regional development organizations, other businesses, community leaders, and the state's universities and community colleges. It also will provide businesses with access to innovative technology, research and a robust analysis of facilities and sites available for relocation.

"We are delighted to work with the Partnership as we continue to reenergize North Carolina's economic development efforts," said N.C. Secretary of Commerce Sharon Decker. "North Carolina has a great story to tell - from our excellent workforce and business-friendly environment, to our central location and quality of life - and we want to share that story

headquarters in Iredell County, creating 33 jobs and investing approximately \$120,000 over the next three years in Mooresville.

"North Carolina welcomes Harvest to Iredell County," said Governor McCrory. "Having a division headquarters locate in our state is not only a boost to the regional economy, but a testament to the strength of North Carolina communities."

"We are excited about this move because it enables us to provide better support to our customers and product lines," said Steve Liffers, Harvest Garden Pro senior vice president. "We appreciate the support we received from the State of North Carolina and the Mooresville community. Their efforts were instrumental in making this relocation a reality. We plan to get up and running quickly and we are looking forward to a robust 2015 season."

"Harvest Garden Pro is exactly the kind of company we want to continue to attract to North Carolina," said Secretary Decker. "Its reputation for quality products and commitment to outstanding customer service has made it the successful company it is today."

Partnership Business Developer [Uconda Dunn](#) managed this project. Other partners that helped with this project include: Economic Development Partnership of N.C., the Town of Mooresville, the Mooresville-South Iredell Economic Development Corporation and Iredell County.

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with the world."

More information about the EDPNC can be found on the web at www.edpnc.com.

Year-to-date Metrics

Below are year-to-date metrics tracked by the N.C. Department of Commerce.

Jan. 1 - October 3, 2014

New projects assigned:	245
Projects announced:	82
Jobs announced:	9,176
Capital investment announced:	\$1.1B
Industry visits by existing industry staff:	484
Calls to Business Link N.C.:	12,978

N.C. in the News

This Week's Highlights

- [Led by North Carolina and Kansas, a Look at States Moving in the Right Direction](#) (*TownhallFinance.com* - October 3)
- [Murdock to provide \\$15M annually to Kannapolis research institute](#) (*Charlotte Business Journal* - September 30)
- [Freightliner contract jump-starts N.C.'s push to house auto plants](#) (*Triangle Business Journal* - September 25)
- [\(Federal\) Commerce Department awards funds to Halifax County](#) (*News & Record - Greensboro* - September 24)

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