

Welcome!

Fall 2009

Manroy-USA

Manroy-USA has purchased a facility in the Scottsboro Industrial Park and is establishing a manufacturing company to produce precision machined parts and/or assemblies for the Department of Defense, domestic DOD prime contractors and selected foreign customers. The company is partnering with Manroy Engineering, Ltd, a UK-based manufacturer, who has been supplying the British Ministry of Defense, as well as the global defense market, with weapons, mounts, spare parts and accessories for more than 30 years.

Manroy-USA is making a strong commitment to their customers to provide them with high-quality, unparalleled service and innovative engineering solutions for their requirements. These objectives serve to build on the Manroy Engineering, Ltd. reputation for delivering high-value, reliable, competitively-priced products.

Defcon 1 Mfg. in Scottsboro has been acquired by Manroy and brings not only manufacturing assets, but a team of highly-skilled manufacturing personnel. Additional administrative and technical personnel from the surrounding Jackson County area will be hired to further increase the capacity of the business. Outside services including those located in the Huntsville metropolitan area will provide much-needed expertise for heat-treating and final finishing processes.

Manroy-USA was provided the opportunity to locate in a variety of locations in the southeastern United States. Jackson County, and Scottsboro in particular, was chosen since it provided the assistance, cooperation, and a skilled workforce pool from which to grow the company.

L&L Lumber Company

L&L Lumber Company of Huntsville, owned by Larry Landman, recently purchased the McQuay building on Alabama Highway 35 West in Scottsboro. The company will use the building as a warehouse and distribution center.

David House, whose company sold the facility, said JCEDA was "instrumental in placing a viable business in a building that had not been used for quite a while. Dus and his staff went above and beyond just doing their job. They love the Scottsboro and Jackson County area, and try to make everyone see how great a place it is by their representation."



Shown in L&L Lumber's warehouse are, from left to right, Rudder Williams, JCEDA Board of Directors, Larry Landman, owner, and Scottsboro Mayor Melton Potter.



Pictured from left to right are Shelia Shepard, JCEDA, Steve Sarles, General Manager of Manroy-USA, Melinda Sarles, Manroy-USA, and Dus Rogers, JCEDA. Shown presenting a plaque of the Alabama state seal given to Manroy-USA from the Governor, are Rep. Butch Taylor, left, and Rep. John Robinson, right.

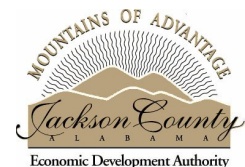
Imperial Aluminum

Chicago-based Imperial Zinc Corporation has purchased the former Aluminum One manufacturing facility on Roy Owens Boulevard in Scottsboro. Aluminum One located in Scottsboro in early 2007, operating a secondary aluminum processing and tolling facility, including the shredding and melting of scrap in the 60,000-square-foot building bought from Allied Metals, which is located across the road from Polyamide High Performance, Inc. Aluminum One went into bankruptcy proceedings last year. The purchase from Ohio-based Commercial Alloys was approved by an Ohio bankruptcy court. Imperial Zinc also

acquired a smelter operation located in Minerva, Ohio. The Scottsboro facility, which will be known as Imperial Aluminum- Scottsboro, LLC., has already begun recalling employees and is hiring now. They plan to be in production in late 2009.



During the past 3 months we have seen a lot of activity. JCEDA has responded to nine requests for proposals and information, had seven prospect visits, and worked with six existing industries on possible expansions.



AIDT Leadership Skills Training

Alabama Industrial Development Training recently held Leadership Skills training classes at Northeast Alabama Community College's Workforce Development Building. The classes, also sponsored by Jackson County EDA and DeKalb County EDA, are specifically designed for first-line team leaders and/or new supervisors. Training and materials are provided at no charge. After completing Leadership Skills I training, each participant may take a comprehensive test and those who successfully complete it will receive an "AIDT Certified Leader I" credential. Successful Leadership Skills I trainees will also have the opportunity to enroll in Leadership Skills II, set for October 20-21.

We will host another class in the spring. If you are interested in attending, please contact us at 256-574-1331 or e-mail shepard@scottsboro.org.



AIDT Fall Class



AIDT Spring Class

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Alabama AdvantageSite

One of the many "Mountains of Advantage" found in Jackson County, is the Jackson County Industrial Park, the first in the state to be designated an "Alabama AdvantageSite."

AdvantageSite, a voluntary industrial site preparedness program, was created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama. The *AdvantageSite* program requires that community economic development organizations provide a host of documentation specific to a proposed industrial site, including data related to ownership/control, environmental and geotechnical conditions, as well as infrastructure status. Sites must also meet size, zoning and accessibility requirements.

This designation assures the prospect that the due-diligence is complete and the site is "shovel-ready," which is a big advantage!



Spotlight on Allies

Roy Light, Manager of Scottsboro Water, Sewer and Gas Board, understands the importance of economic development in Scottsboro and Jackson County. His wealth of knowledge and his willingness to help, make him an outstanding partner and ally of JCEDA. He even traveled to Japan a couple of years ago with JCEDA President Dus Rogers to meet with Japanese prospects and corporate officers of local industry. His commitment to the community is a big asset to our citizens and we appreciate the time and energy he contributes to economic development efforts.



Pictured above with NCI representatives are Roy Light, first row left, and Dus Rogers, first row right.