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Sanoh America, Inc. Expands

Sanoh America has leased the approximately 16,000' former API/Manroy building in Scottsboro for the Sanoh Welding and Technology (SWAT) division. This additional manufacturing process will add 16 – 20 new jobs and over \$2,000,000 in new machinery and equipment. The precision welding robotics machinery was manufactured in Japan and is currently being installed. Sanoh announced they will ramp up in August of 2011 and plan to be in full production by January 2013. The building, owned by Jim Helms, also has newly-renovated office space and parking that will help alleviate some crowding at their Sanoh America facility across the street (also in the Scottsboro Industrial Park). They plan to produce precision-welded components for the automotive industry at their

Industrial Access Road

We were successful in obtaining industrial access road funding for two Jackson County projects at the March IA Meeting in Montgomery. \$386,500 was approved to help Brown-Forman Cooperages Stevenson Mill access their stave & heading mill, and \$250,000 was approved to help Jackson County Department of Public Works repave a portion of County Road 33 into the TVA Bellefonte Nuclear Plant. Both projects are expected to be completed in 2012. Thanks to the delegation from Jackson County who attended this meeting with Dus.



Industrial Access Road Committee Meeting in March (L to R), Philip Widner/County Engineer, Scottsboro Mayor Melton Potter, ALDOT Director John Cooper, Stevenson Mayor Rickey Steele, and Dus Rogers/JCEDA

SafeTweave, Inc. Locates in Scottsboro

Polyamide High Performance, Inc. (PHPI) is opening a state-of-the-art airbag fabric weaving and finishing plant in Scottsboro. The new facility will be adjacent to PHPI's nylon spinning plant and will be based on technology provided by Toyobo Co. Ltd. of Japan. Toyobo has airbag fabric weaving operations in Japan, Thailand and is currently launching a new plant in China in partnership with Toyota Tsusho.

The U.S. weaving operation will be named SafeTweave, Inc. The operation will sell its full fabric output to Toyobo Industrial Materials America, Inc. for supply to Japanese airbag systems suppliers with operations in North America. Commercial production will begin in December 2012.

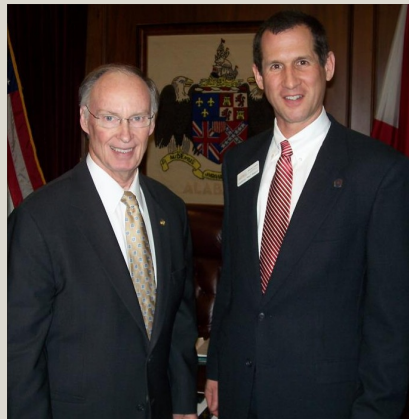
CEO and President of PHPI, Lowell Bivens, told The Daily Sentinel, "We're excited about the opportunity to work with such a prestigious partner. It's also an opportunity to reach a broader customer base."

The investment of approximately \$12 million will provide 20+ jobs. Welcome to Jackson County, SafeTweave!



Accelerate Alabama

In July, Dus was appointed to the Alabama Economic Development Alliance. The Alliance met with Governor Bentley in January to submit Alabama's first-ever strategic plan for economic development, which is called Accelerate Alabama. The Alliance was created by Executive Order and was charged with more effectively utilizing the job creation and workforce assets of the state and creating a state-wide economic development strategic plan. The group focuses on recruitment of new business and industry, retaining and expanding existing businesses, and creating jobs through innovation, entrepreneurship, research and development.



Gov. Bentley, left, and Dus Rogers, right.

HELI EXPO



In Dallas attending the HELI-EXPO, the largest trade show dedicated to the international helicopter community, are (L to R), Cindy Burns/NAIDA, Dus Rogers/JCEDA, and Joanne & Shek Hong, owners of Hontek Corp.



Alabama Department of Commerce Luncheon (formerly ADO) in Montgomery in March, (L to R) Joseph Burchfield/ADO, April Gray/ADO, Cindy Burns/NAIDA, Dus Rogers, JCEDA, Shelia Shepard/JCEDA, Jason Wright/NAIDA, and Gary Faulkner, ADC

Spotlight on Allies

In addition to JCEDA's major focus of industrial development, we unite with the Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce on a regular basis to create a stronger voice for business development and community efforts.

The Chamber sponsors annual trips to Washington DC and Montgomery to visit with our elected officials.

The ultimate goal of both the Chamber and JCEDA is to create jobs and invest in the future of the entire business community to improve the quality of life of our citizens.

Working together benefits everyone who lives and works in Jackson County. We appreciate Rick Roden, Ron Bailey, JP Parsons, Margaret Daye, Angie Bell, and the volunteers at the Chamber for all they do for Jackson County!



Pictured above at the Washington "Fly-In" are (L to R), Reid Henshaw, Tommy Crumbley, Dus Rogers, Roy Light, Rep. Robert Aderholt, Mayor Melton Potter, Rudder Williams, Rick Roden, and Dr. David Campbell

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