



Recent Announcements



The **LEGO Group** announced plans to construct a 1.7 million square foot precision manufacturing facility in **Chesterfield County**. The Danish company will hire more than 1,760 people at its state-of-the-art, \$1 billion plant. The facility in the Meadowville Technology Park will be 100% carbon-neutral. “We were impressed with all that Virginia has to offer, from access to a skilled workforce, support for high-quality manufacturers and great transport links. We appreciate support for our ambition to build a carbon-neutral run facility and construct a solar park and are looking forward to building a great team...” said Niels B. Christiansen, CEO of the LEGO Group.



CoStar Group will create 2,000 jobs for its \$460 million corporate campus in the **City of Richmond**. The campus will occupy 750,000 square feet between a 26-story LEED platinum-certified office building and a five-story multipurpose building. “Richmond is a growing community with access to a deep pool of diverse, highly-skilled workers, a vibrant culture of innovation and a wonderful quality of life for our existing and future employees,” said CoStar Group Founder and Chief Executive Officer Andy Florance.



EAB, a leading provider of education research, technology and marketing and enrollment solutions, announced it will add 206 jobs and invest at least \$6 million to expand its office space in the Innsbrook Technology Zone, a major business park in **Henrico County**. “EAB is deeply committed to the Richmond area, and we believe our long-term investment will serve Henrico County, the greater Richmond community, and our growing employee base for many years to come,” said EAB President, Marketing and Enrollment Solutions, Chris Marett.



Walgreens announced it will invest \$34.2 million in a new micro-fulfillment center in **Hanover County**, creating 249 jobs. The pharmacy, health and retail chain’s investment will feature automated machinery in a new state-of-the-art facility that will increase efficiencies and enhance customer online ordering experiences. “The Greater Richmond area was selected due to its favorable business climate, able workforce, and premier location,” said Lisa Badgley, Senior Vice President of Operations.





Plenty Unlimited will establish the world's largest indoor vertical farming campus in for \$300 million in **Chesterfield County**. The California-based company will create 300 jobs and will begin operations with a Driscoll's berry farm, completed by winter 2024. It will be the first to grow indoor, vertically farmed strawberries at scale. "The scale and sophistication of what we're building here in Virginia will make it possible to economically grow a variety of produce with superior quality and flavor," said Plenty CEO Arama Kukutai.



Thermo Fisher Scientific will expand operations with two new bioanalytical labs in **Henrico County** and one in the **City of Richmond**. The company's \$97 million investment will add more than 500 new jobs to the region. "We have a rich history in the Richmond and Henrico County region, a talent hub with respected universities, and an attractive place for our employees to live and work," said David M. Johnston, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and President, Clinical Research.



Mondelēz International Inc., a global snacking leader opened part of its \$122.5 million expansion in **Henrico County**. The company added 450,000 square feet to its Richmond Biscuit Bakery, the company's East Coast manufacturing hub for its U.S. operations. Mondelēz will add 80 individuals in addition to its 500+ current employees at its bakery, where it produces snacks from brands like OREO, Ritz, Chips Ahoy! biscuits, Nilla wafers, Wheat Thins and Premium crackers.



Unilock, a Toronto-based leader in hardscape manufacturing, will invest \$55.6 million in a campus with up to four production facilities in **Hanover County**, adding 50 jobs to the local workforce. "The mid-Atlantic and Southeast markets are key to our continued growth as a company and finding the right location was critical. Thankfully, Doswell checks all the boxes," said Brian Kallmeyer, General Manager.



Civica Inc., a non-profit drug company, will create 51 jobs with a \$27.8 million investment to open a laboratory testing facility in **Chesterfield County's** Meadowville Technology Park. At 55,000 square feet, the lab will help to support the Richmond to Petersburg pharma initiative that will work to reshore advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing while creating a Central Virginia hub for Life Sciences through new partnerships.



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