



Major Happenings



Plenty Unlimited will establish the world's largest indoor vertical farming campus in **Chesterfield County**. The California-based company will create 300 jobs and will begin with a Driscoll's berry farm to be 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.

The logo for Plenty, featuring the word 'Plenty' in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol, set against a dark purple rectangular background.

11 Fortune HQs

Greater Richmond is home to 8 Fortune 500 headquartered companies and 3 additional firms that top the Fortune 1000.

Convenience store operator **ARKO**, based in Henrico County, is the most recent addition to the Fortune 500 list and only joined the Fortune 1000 list for the first time last year.

Lutron Electronics announced it will expand in **Hanover County** with a \$28.3 million manufacturing facility. The Pennsylvania-based company will establish a 145,000 square foot facility and will create 200 new jobs. According to Lutron President Ed Blair, "We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Hanover County community and further supporting our global customers with increased manufacturing capacity."



The Lutron logo, featuring a stylized sunburst icon to the left of the word 'LUTRON' in a bold, sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol.

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.



EAB plans to invest at least \$6 million to expand in Innsbrook's Technology Zone in **Henrico County**, creating 206 new jobs. "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.

Unilock, the Toronto-based hardscape manufacturing company, announced plans to invest \$55.6 million in a new campus in **Hanover County**, adding 50 jobs. “The mid-Atlantic and Southeast markets are key to our continued growth as a company and finding the right location was critical,” said Brian Kallmeyer, General Manager of Unilock.



Greater Richmond is a **Build Back Better Regional Challenge** awardee winning \$52.9 million in Life Sciences funding from the U.S. government. The BBBRC award bolsters the Richmond-Petersburg pharma initiative that others are investing in too, like the \$27.8 million from **Civica Inc.**



\$400 MILLION

of total sponsored research funding was awarded to Virginia Commonwealth University, a 47 percent increase over the past five fiscal years. This includes VCU's \$104 million gift to support liver research, the largest publicly shared gift to support liver research in the U.S. and the largest gift in VCU's history.



The LEGO Group will build a \$1 billion, carbon-neutral, 1.7 million sq. ft. manufacturing facility in **Chesterfield County**, adding 1,761 jobs. “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,” said Niels B. Christiansen, CEO, the LEGO Group.



Walgreens will invest \$34.2 million in a micro-fulfillment center in **Hanover County** creating 249 jobs. “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.



Greater Richmond is a **Top Ranked Location for Corporate Headquarters** according to Business Facilities magazine, a leading provider of economic development and site selection news from around the world. “Greater Richmond, Va., is the ideal headquarters location. The region is home to eight Fortune 500 and three Fortune 1000 company headquarters plus several major divisional operations,” said GRP President + CEO Jennifer Wakefield.

