

## Major Happenings



**The LEGO Group** hired approximately 500 people for its \$1 billion carbon neutral manufacturing facility. in Chesterfield County. The company expects to create more than 1,760 jobs over the next 10 years.

**Stone Brewing**, recently acquired by Sapporo, invested \$40 million to increase production capacity in the City of Richmond, adding nearly 80 new jobs.



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

The City of Richmond is preparing for the City Center **Innovation District** that will span 9.4 acres. The mixed-use space will spur life sciences research and developments as well as a convention hotel.

**Plenty Unlimited**, a Californiabased company, broke ground on its \$300 million indoor vertical farming campus, to be the world's largest upon completion. The company, operating in Chesterfield County, will add 300 full-time jobs upon completing the facility over the next six years.

**SanMar Corporation** established its largest distribution center in Hanover County. The promotional apparel and accessories wholesaler will invest at least \$50 million in the 1.1 million sq.ft. building and will create more than 1,000 new jobs.



**Berkley Insurance Company** will invest \$6.1 million to expand its office in Henrico County's Innsbrook innovation district. The company will add 8,920 sq.ft. of office space and 72 jobs.



**Performance Food Group** began operations at its newly completed 332,000 sq.ft. sales and distribution center in Hanover County. The food distribution giant will add nearly 125 new jobs over the next few years.



**Richmond National Group**, a finance and insurance company, announced it will expand its headquarters in Henrico County by 7,200 sq.ft. of office space. The company is investing \$350,000 and will add more than 100 new jobs. Weidmüller Group, a leading electronic component design and manufacturing company, announced it will invest \$16.4 million to expand its Chesterfield County operations. The investment will add more than 100 new jobs.

**Church & Dwight Co.**, a leading household products manufacturer, announced it will invest \$27 million to expand its operation in Chesterfield County, adding 53 jobs.

The Advanced Pharmaceutical Manufacturing cluster in Richmond, Va., was named one of 31 **Tech Hubs** by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.



## \$465 MILLION

of total sponsored research funding was awarded to Virginia Commonwealth University, a 71 percent increase from five years ago.

ABB opened \$6 а expansion million in Hanover County with a new manufacturing, distribution and repair offering center more than 65,000 sq.ft. of operational space. ABB is adding nearly 100 jobs.



**Cascades**, a leader in manufacturing green packaging and hygiene products, announced it completed production of its first roll of 100 percent recycled containerboard in Hanover County. Cascades added 700 jobs for its \$500 million retrofit.



Greater Richmond is full of upcoming **new developments and redevelopments** to include office and retail space as well as green space for residents. Developments include GreenCity (dubbed Virginia's first Eco-District) as well as the Upper Magnolia Green site, two future data center parks, Springline at District 60, Diamond District plus the Henrico Sports and Event Center.



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