

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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