

TAP Announcements

Umicore selects Quapaw/Miami area as the site for a new manufacturing facility. The new production capacity for germanium wafers will be completed in spring 2010. Quapaw's location has the advantage of being close to a sizeable customer base in the U.S. and complement Umicore's existing production in Belgium. *July, 2008*

American Airlines Breaks Ground on New Facility—The city is paring \$5.7 million of State opportunity fund money with \$4.3 million in local funds to build American's new 80,000 square-foot hangar. American employs 7,000 people in Tulsa, most of them at its Maintenance & Engineering Center, the largest aircraft maintenance base in the world. *July, 2008*

City Rates Favorably as a Place to Prosper. Tulsa's low cost of living is a selling point for many who live in or move to the area. It also was a prime factor that helped Tulsa place 12th out of 69 cities for being favorable places to build personal wealth according to the information released by Salary.com. Salary.com's 2008 Salary Value Index primarily looks at the relationship between living costs and pay in cities with at least 250,000 residents. It includes salaries, the cost of living and unemployment rates. *July, 2008*

Okmulgee Celebrates Opening of New 150-acre Brownfield Site—Proposed site development will include water features, shielding tree plantings, green areas, and sites for industrial, commercial, and retail businesses. Highway frontage and available rail services highlight the sites attributes. Oklahoma and Okmulgee have incentive packages designed to entice investment and job creation.

Governor Signs Bill for Aero—Engineers—A new law establishing tax credits for engineers going to work for Oklahoma aerospace companies was recently signed by Governor Brad Henry. The Aerospace Industry Engineer Work Force bill extends tax credits of \$5,000 a year for up to 5 years to engineers who are hired after Jan. 1, 2009. Companies hiring the engineers will receive a tax credit equal to 10% of the compensation paid during the first 5 years of employment if the engineer graduated from an Oklahoma college. (5% for non-Oklahoma college). The law also provides tax credit to companies offering tuition reimbursement for new engineer graduates. *June, 2008*

MSN, puts the Tulsa area at no. 9 on its list of the best residential real estate bargains. *June, 2008*

Zelodyne completed the purchase of former Visteon/Ford Glass plant and installs new \$30 million furnace, keeping the 1.4 million square foot facility open with more than 500 employees. *June, 2008*

Verizon Business is opening a new customer service and support center in Tulsa to accommodate growing customer demand for its end-user help desk services. The new center facility has capacity for 400 highly trained consultants, who serve as the first point of contact for callers, helping to resolve issues with personal computers and handheld devices such as a Blackberry. *May, 2008*

Wagoner constructing Spec Building—Wagoner Industrial Development Authority is presently constructing a 30,000 square foot industrial shell building in the Wagoner, Site Ready State Certified Industrial Park. *May, 2008*

Tulsa noted as one of nation's most attractive areas data center locations. In its report, "Banking and Financial Services: A Comparative Cost Analysis for Information Assurance Operations" the Boyd Co., a New Jersey site location firm, found that Tulsa offered the seventh lowest cost for operating a data center among 45 cities compared. *April, 2008*

TCC to offer free IT training to tech companies. *February, 2008*

Dish Network call center to hire 200—The latest recruitment effort will increase the satellite TV company's work force in Tulsa to 650. *February, 2008*

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Questar Corp. is adding as many as 25 jobs at its Tulsa office to support the company's recent \$655 million acquisition of natural gas development properties. Company plans to add land, geoscience and engineering professionals to develop the properties. *February, 2008*

Alorica customer service management company announces a renewed contract will allow Alorica to grow hiring 200–300 persons within the new few months. *February, 2008*

Heater Specialist, Fintube and Norris apply for Quality Jobs state incentives. *November, 2007*

Sinclair will invest \$1 billion in refinery upgrade and expansion. *May, 2007*

Coca-Cola Enterprises' announces new customer development center—Center to transform Eastgate mall to mixed-use office/retail. *October, 2007*

SGS—FTS engineering is projecting its work force, now around 280 at its Bartlesville offices, could grow to 800 or 1,000 in a few years. Bartlesville Development Corporation to construct facility to aid expansion. *May, 2007*

ABB Totalflow completes \$2.6 million expansion in Bartlesville. *May, 2007*

Google announces a \$600 million data center in Pryor! *May, 2007*

Construction underway for the drink maker's Gatorade's \$180 million plant. *April, 2007*

Capital One Auto Finance Inc., Tulsa Power LLC, The Crosby Group Inc. and Select Engineering Inc., Tulsa and Hill Manufacturing in Broken Arrow are planning major expansions and have applied for state quality jobs incentives. *June, 2007*

EDS to expand Tulsa facility to more than double the size of its Service Management Center at Cherokee Industrial Park, bringing its total size to 440,000 square feet. The expansion of its existing 225,000-square-foot building will focus on data center enhancements, including computer servers. EDS employs 1,500 in the Tulsa area.

Gannett announces plans to open Tulsa customer service center, The Gannett Center of Excellence, and employ up to 500 people. *April, 2007*

American and Spirit AeroSystems, Inc plan expansions—A total of \$10 million in state incentive funds will be distributed to the city of Tulsa to expand aerospace facilities and create up to 600 jobs at American Airlines and Spirit AeroSystems Inc., Gov. Brad Henry said Wednesday. *May, 2007*

Blue Bell adding 50 jobs in Broken Arrow. *2007*

DMI wind tower maker blows into Tulsa area—DMI Industries of West Fargo, N.D., announced Wednesday it plans to open a wind-power tower manufacturing plant in the Tulsa area that would eventually employ up to 450 people. *May, 2007*

Ventaire signs up to create 85 jobs—Ventaire LLC, a Tulsa-based designer, manufacturer and installer of canopies, modular buildings, kiosks and other steel products, plans to create 85 employment positions under the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program, the state Department of Commerce announced Thursday. *April, 2007*

Cust-O-Fab to expand in Sand Springs—The management of a Sand Springs–based industry decided to expand operations in the city rather than move out of state, city officials said. “The expansion at Cust-O-Fab, 8888 W. 21st St., will add 75 new jobs,” said Mayor Bob Walker. “The company currently employs 170 people,” Walker said. “They had compared us with Houston before making the decision to expand in Sand Springs,” Walker said. “It was decided that because of labor sources, staffing and the people they had in their company, it made sense to stay.” *April, 2007*

Unit Corp. planning to add jobs—Tulsa–based Unit Corp., an oil and natural gas drilling and production company, said Monday it aims to add 167 jobs over the next five years. *February, 2007*

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