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Norfolk's business and industrial sector continues to grow

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Additionally, according to Moody's Investor's Service, the region tied for second in the country's best overall commercial real estate market.

We continue to benefit from Ford Motor Company's decision to expand its F-150 plant. This project - now valued at \$400 million dollars - was rated by "Site Selection" magazine as one of the top ten deals in the nation, and when completed, will add another 200 jobs to the 200 previously announced.

Our ship repair industry is aggressively seeking to become a force in the global market. An effort was given an important boost when Metro Machine introduced its Speedy. This \$50 million dollar facility is state-of-the-art and will employ 120 workers.

Also, Marine Hydraulics is expanding its ship repair operations with a \$50 million investment in 6 acres and a 1400-foot pier in Lambert's Point.

Businesses new to the city last year included Blackhawk Industries, Brickstone Alliance Technology, Dateline, and Automation Precision Technology.

And recently the Norfolk Economic Development Authority signed a contract with the Lake Wright Executive Center for construction of a 130-room Residence Inn. It expects to sign contracts shortly with two businesses that will build in Central Business District.

Norfolk's Largest Manufacturers

Ford Motor Company manufactures light F-150 pickups in Norfolk since 1925. The company has recently announced a new pickup model that will be manufactured in Norfolk and a \$400 million investment and current employment base of 2200 will soon be expanded to support the investment already underway. The plant is requiring suppliers move closer to the Norfolk plant, and so far two suppliers, Visteon and TDS/US Inc. have announced that they will build new facilities in Hampton Roads.

Landmark Communications Inc. publisher of The Virginian Pilot and numerous newspapers, printer and owner of television channel, The Weather Channel is a privately-owned company in Norfolk since 1865 and employs approximately 1,000 employees.

Norfolk Shipbuilding & Drydock Corporation is a shipbuilder and ship repairer, has been a privately-owned and operated company in Norfolk since 1915.

General Foam Plastics Corporation manufacturers Christmas trees, holiday pools, garden ponds, is privately-owned and operated in Norfolk since 1958.

Recent Expansions & Relocations

Brickstone Studios, a sculpture manufacturer based in Michigan, recently purchased a new facility in Norfolk.

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renovated a property on Church Street where a variety of local, state and federal programs are offered to serve their fastest growing market, Southeast. Brickst hopes to take advantage of export programs that utilize the port.

Blackhawk Industries, a manufacturer of special operations equipment for the enforcement, opened its Norfolk headquarters in the Industrial Park in July, 2007.

Sorrentino & Mariani furniture manufacturer added 33 jobs and investment of Enterprise Zone.