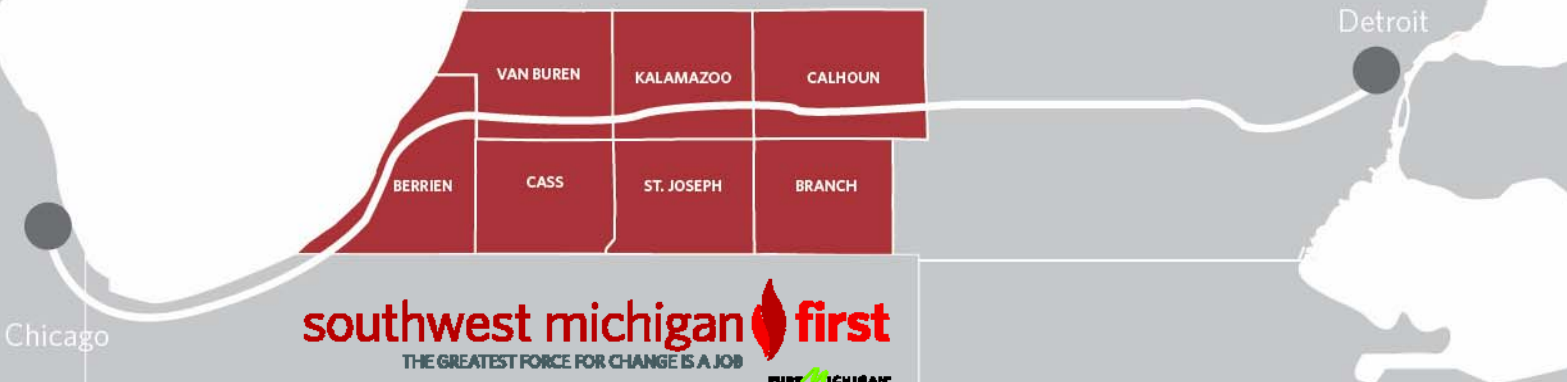


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2014 Quarter 4

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Food Processing	Clemens Food Group partnered with family-owned pork producers in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio to build a 550,000-square-foot pork processing facility in Coldwater, Michigan.	810 new jobs	\$255.7 million invested
	Logistics	Kenco Logistics Services has expanded in Portage with the construction of a 300,000-square-foot facility in support of its manufacturing and logistics services for Stryker Medical.	10 new jobs	\$12.4 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Lane Automotive announced it will build a second facility next to its current one in Watervliet.	138 new jobs	\$4 million invested
	Food Processing	MCL Research and Development acquired land in Vicksburg to erect a 28,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Leja Business Park.	10 new jobs	\$4 million invested
	Food Processing	A merging of two dairy processing operations in Constantine is now operating as part of the Michigan Milk Producers Association .	8 new jobs	\$2.7 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Parker Hannifin—Pneumatic Division expanded its engineering space in Richland to support its development of pneumatic actuators, pneumatic cylinders, air valves and filter regulator lubricators.	4 new jobs	\$1.2 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	The Village of Cassopolis was awarded a Community Development Block Grant to Schwintek Inc. for infrastructure improvements and expansion.	10 new jobs	\$750,000 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Cooper Township's approval of a tax abatement allowed for Sapa's 14,000-square-foot expansion to support its aluminum extrusion business.	10 new jobs	\$450,000 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Sekisui Voltek made capital investments at its manufacturing facilities in Coldwater to support continued growth for the North American marketplace.	10 new jobs	\$3 million invested

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	Design-Based Manufacturing	With support from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Sturgis Molded Products invested in new equipment and a 45,000-square-foot building expansion.	51 new jobs	\$5 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	From its nine global locations, Summit Polymers chose to expand in its three Southwest Michigan locations – Vicksburg, Portage and Sturgis.	198 new jobs	\$8 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Sweet Manufacturing added a 3,325-square-foot building expansion and equipment purchase. In support, the City of Kalamazoo approved a P.A. 198 Industrial Facilities Tax abatement.	1 new job	\$535,123 invested
X-L MACHINE COMPANY, INC.	Design-Based Manufacturing	As a result of ongoing consultations, major OEM supplier X-L Machine Company has created additional jobs.	24 new jobs	\$1.2 million invested

2014 Quarter 3

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Abbott installed packaging equipment at its Sturgis location.	jobs retained	\$2 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Autocam Corporation cut the ribbon on its state-of-the-art facility to support its key partnership between DENSO Manufacturing Athens Tennessee and Autocam's precision metal components division.	85 new jobs	\$10 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Brembo North America is investing in construction of a new cast-iron foundry near its Albion Township plant, with expected completion in 2017.	254 new jobs	\$78.4 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	The Sturgis City Commission voted in favor of Burr Oak Tool's tax abatement request for construction and equipment investment to support its previously announced October 2013 project which created 51 jobs.	51 jobs in 2013	\$6.4 million invested

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	Design-Based Manufacturing	Schoolcraft Township approved an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Eimo Technologies' investment in two new injection molding machines to support its rapid growth.	6 new jobs	\$900,000 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Eliason Corporation created a new manufacturing line and invested in new equipment at its location in Portage.	20 new jobs	\$200,000 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Filter By-Products Corporation invested in equipment enhancements to increase output of its wood pellet manufacturing in White Pigeon.	5 new jobs	\$1.4 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	After connecting with WMU's Bronco Force team, Impact Label Corporation is investing new machinery and new jobs in Kalamazoo.	4 new jobs	\$151,920 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Midwest Plastic and Engineering will be investing in a new injection mold press after approval from the city commission on its tax abatement.	5 new jobs	\$413,871 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	In order to meet the demands of escalating production, Morgan Olson has been approved by the Sturgis City Commission for a tax abatement on new equipment.	680 jobs retained	\$6.1 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Increasing through-put of its facility by 35% is Ox Paperboard with an investment in facility upgrades in Constantine.	94 jobs retained	\$200,000 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Parma Tube Corporation invested in new equipment investment which includes two CNC tube bending machines, retaining 62 jobs.	3 new jobs	\$450,000 invested
	Logistics	Penske Logistics is operating a new 70,000-square-foot warehousing and cross-dock facility to accommodate additional business with Ford Motor Company.	70 new jobs	Investment Unknown

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	Design-Based Manufacturing	PKG, Inc. has purchased an adjacent commercial building in Sturgis for a new facility to expand fasteners' business.	3 new jobs	\$250,000 invested
	Food Processing	Headquartered in Schoolcraft, Premier Melon Company installed a new packing line for its melons.	10 new jobs	\$400,000 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Sump pump manufacturer Raybend executed a 3-year lease for expansion in Kalamazoo.	5 new jobs	Investment Unknown
	Logistics	Team Manufacturing & Supply has purchased the former Exo-S/Camoplast building in Three Rivers to support its business with regional manufacturers and grow its contract staffing services.	10 new jobs	\$1.5 million invested
	Food Processing	The Peterson Company acquired a facility in Stevensville where its pet food production is being relocated from Iowa. The space is approximately 25,000 square feet.	5 new jobs	\$500,000 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	MDOT awarded a state transportation economic development grant to St. Joseph County to support the growth of VCI, Inc. , which recently located to a vacant building in Sturgis and is investing in new equipment.	20 new jobs	\$1.6 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Wolverine Metal Stamping expanded its stamping facilities through the purchase of a new building.	30 new jobs	\$1.2 million invested





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2014 Quarter 2

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Classic City Body & Paint has expanded its RV painting business from Indiana to a 36,000-square-foot building leased in White Pigeon.	16 new jobs	Investment Unknown
	Business Services	Infinisource, Inc. expanded in Coldwater with a five-year extension of its lease, both retaining and creating jobs for the community.	30 new jobs	Investment Unknown
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet selected its Kalamazoo location over competing Chicago and Kent County for an investment in new manufacturing space in Comstock Commerce Park.	35 new jobs	\$2.6 million invested
	Design and R&D	mophie expanded its Oshtemo Township facility by 30,000 square feet.	35 new jobs	\$2.8 million invested
	Business Services	United Federal Credit Union is expanding in Niles with a multi-phase building project, beginning with construction of a 20,000-square-foot Operations Center and a 9,600-square-foot branch.	80 new jobs	\$9 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Weber Specialties completed a fast-track expansion by acquiring a new site near its current location, expanding the building and adding a powder coating line. In a second project, it also added new equipment to its original plant.	6 total new jobs	\$1.2 million total invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	German manufacturer WKW Roof Rail Systems purchased the Toyota Tsusho America plant in Fort Custer Industrial Park in Battle Creek.	186 new jobs	\$23 million invested






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2014 Quarter 1

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Business Services	Having outgrown its previous space, AmeriFirst Home Mortgage expanded into its new home at Trade Center Way in Portage.	50 new jobs	\$500,000 invested
	Food Processing	Coloma Frozen Foods will build a new freezer and repackaging center on Coloma Road, designed for future expansion.	20 new jobs	\$8.86 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Midwest Plastics Engineering received a 12-year tax abatement from the Sturgis City Commission for investment in new equipment.	10 new jobs	\$190,094 invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	W.E. Slitt has purchased new equipment for its Three Rivers facility. The city commission approved a 12-year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption.	1 new job	\$467,701 invested
X-L MACHINE COMPANY, INC.	Design-Based Manufacturing	Recently acquired by Burke Porter, X-L Machine Company received approval from Park Township for an expansion tax abatement.	4 new jobs	\$1,026,562 invested

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Highlights of 2013

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Brembo North America , a tier-one component manufacturer expanded its brake disk and drum operations as a result of new business contracts.	112 new jobs	\$33.2 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Getman Corporation announced the opening of its second manufacturing facility in Southwest Michigan.	150 new jobs	\$6 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Fortune 100 Graphic Packaging International – Mill announced the purchase of a new in-line roll coating machine to update its technology.	280 jobs retained	\$15.7 million invested
	Design and R&D	Newell Rubbermaid will consolidate its national design, research and development functions in Kalamazoo, Michigan.	100 new jobs	estimated \$10 million invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Pro Services, Inc. announced an acquisition of a new facility to expand its skilled trades business.	100 new jobs	No related investment