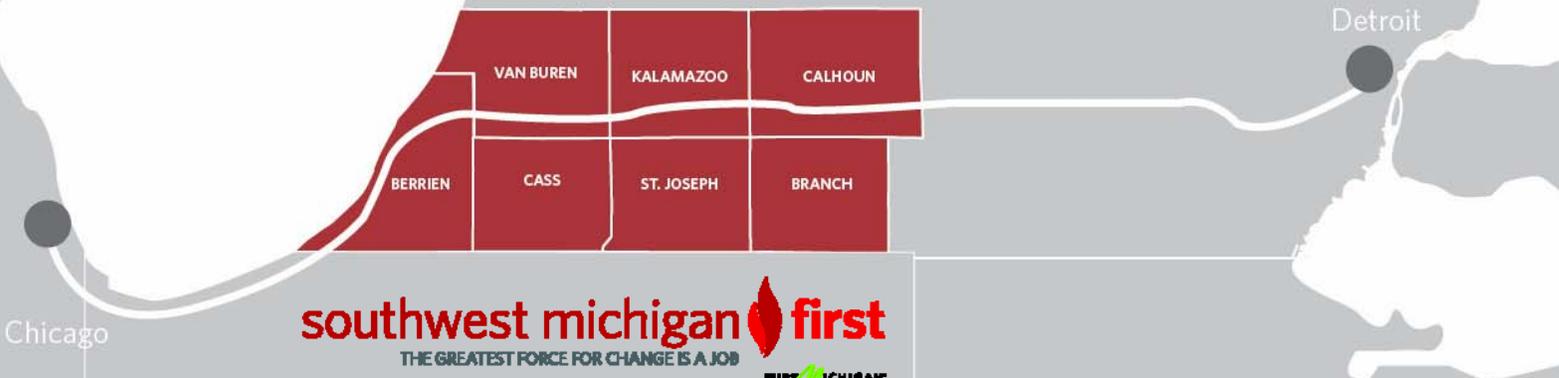


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## 2016 Quarter 4

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Bostik Inc.</b> , a Wisconsin-based global leader in the adhesive technologies industry, will add 20 new jobs in <b>Marshall</b> .	<b>20</b> new jobs	<b>\$3,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Dorel and Ameriwood Home Furnishings</b> has chosen to upgrade and expand the operations of its existing plant in <b>Dowagiac</b> .	<b>87</b> new jobs	<b>\$2,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Flex-N-Gate</b> will add stamping and welding operations at its <b>Emmet Township</b> facility, investing \$22.3 million.	<b>59</b> new jobs	<b>\$22,300,000</b> invested
	Other	<b>Indeck Energy Services</b> , a privately held developer, owner and operator of power generation projects, plans to build a state-of-the-art energy center fueled by clean natural gas in <b>Niles</b> .	<b>21</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,000,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Kadant Johnson LLC</b> , a <b>Three Rivers</b> -based manufacturer of precision rotary sealing devices, recently invested in a large volume, multi-tasking Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine to increase its manufacturing capacity, expand its capability, improve its production efficiency, and provide increased customer responsiveness.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,100,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners approved a Brownfield plan to support <b>Metal Mechanics'</b> new 30,000-square-foot headquarters and manufacturing operation in Schoolcraft. A \$4,495 Skilled Trades Training Fund (STTF) grant was also approved.	<b>7</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,250,000</b> invested

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	Other	Energy provider <b>Midwest Energy Cooperative</b> announced that it will build a new 129,500-square-foot headquarters facility and add 32 new jobs in <b>Cassopolis</b> .	<b>32</b> new jobs	Investment Unknown
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Consumer electronics company <b>mophie, LLC</b> , a division of Zaag, will expand its customer service operations in <b>Texas Township</b> . A \$375,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant was awarded in support of the jobs being created.	<b>65</b> new jobs	<b>\$685,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Locally owned manufacturer <b>Sigma Machine Inc.</b> , a tier 1 supplier to Tesla Motors, has announced that it will expand its existing footprint inside Midlink Business Park in <b>Comstock Township</b> .	<b>58</b> new jobs	<b>\$27,800,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Stryker Corporation's</b> (NYSE: SYK) Instruments division is building a new 485,000-square-foot facility in a campus setting in the city of <b>Portage</b> , which will feature a customer experience center, functioning showroom, R&D and bio-skills labs, as well as space for sales, marketing and support functions.	<b>105</b> new jobs	<b>\$130,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Tigmaster Co.</b> announced that it will expand its current facility by 5,600 square feet in <b>Baroda Village</b> , adding new jobs to its precision fabrication and specialty welding efforts.	<b>15</b> new jobs	<b>\$195,500</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	A leading provider of industrial coatings, <b>Toefco Engineered Coating Systems, Inc.</b> will add 10 new jobs in <b>Niles</b> .	<b>10</b> new jobs	Investment Unknown

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	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Vickers Engineering</b> , a prototype and production supplier of CNC machining to automotive and other industries, is investing \$5,100,000 in capital equipment and building improvements in its <b>New Troy</b> facility to create 50 new jobs.	<b>50</b> new jobs	<b>\$5,100,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>W.E. Slitt &amp; Sheet Company</b> has chosen to add 19,000 square feet to its existing location for expanded warehousing in <b>Three Rivers</b> .	<b>5</b> new jobs	<b>\$499,795</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>W-L Molding Company</b> , a manufacturer of plastic injection molded parts and products in <b>Portage</b> , will expand its workforce by 10 employees, in addition to acquiring real estate that it currently leases.	<b>10</b> new jobs	<b>\$24,625</b> invested

## 2016 Quarter 3

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Automotive	<b>American Axle Manufacturing</b> in <b>Three Rivers</b> was awarded \$339,500 in grant funding from the Skilled Trades Training Fund to train 300 team members.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$339,500</b> invested
<b>Jamieson Fabrication Unlimited</b>	Automotive	<b>Jamieson Fabrication Unlimited</b> will expand its fabrication operations in <b>Richland Township</b> with a 4,000-square-foot addition to accommodate new business.	<b>4</b> new jobs	<b>\$430,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	A progressive manufacturer of LPG & NH3 equipment, <b>Marshall Excelsior Company</b> expanded its operations in <b>Marshall</b> .	<b>30</b> new jobs	<b>\$500,000</b> invested
	Other	Specialty chemical company <b>One Way Products</b> is building a new 30,000-square-foot facility to house the company's headquarters, manufacturing and warehouse operations in <b>Oshtemo Township</b> .	<b>10</b> new jobs	<b>\$3,400,000</b> invested

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	Life Science	Global pharmaceutical corporation <b>Pfizer Inc.</b> will build a new 100,000-square-foot warehouse addition and install a new Act-O-Vial work center at its <b>Portage</b> operation.	<b>15</b> new jobs	<b>\$145,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Precision Wire Forms</b> , an industry leading manufacturer of wire forms, tube forms and assemblies, is investing in new equipment to enhance its current capabilities in <b>Three Rivers</b> .	<b>16</b> new jobs	<b>\$2,800,000</b> invested
	Automotive	<b>TecNiq Inc.</b> is building a new 100,000-square-foot facility in <b>Comstock Township</b> to support the exponential growth that it has experienced in the LED lighting sector.	<b>120</b> new jobs	<b>\$6,596,000</b> invested

## 2016 Quarter 2

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>AACOA</b> , an aluminum extrusion and fabrication facility in <b>Niles</b> , is investing in an expansion that will increase the facility's footprint by 100,000 square feet and its capacity by a third.	<b>50</b> new jobs	<b>\$18,000,000</b> invested
<b>Amazing Acrylics</b>	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Amazing Acrylics</b> , a specialist in customized glass etching, has relocated to a new building in <b>Kalamazoo</b> with room to grow.	<b>2</b> new jobs	<b>\$10,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Asmo Manufacturing, Inc.</b> , a sector of DENSO North America, announced that it will expand at its <b>Battle Creek</b> location at Fort Custer Industrial Park, adding new equipment and 50,000 square feet of space.	<b>27</b> new jobs	<b>\$12,100,000</b> invested
	Other	With assessment funding from the St. Joseph County Brownfield Authority, <b>Boland Tire Company</b> announced its investment in the purchase of a vacant former car dealership in <b>Three Rivers</b> .	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$50,000</b> invested

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	Automotive	<b>Buildabronco.com</b> , which refurbishes old Ford Bronco vehicles, relocated from Albion to <b>Marshall</b> .	<b>3</b> new jobs	<b>\$50,000</b> invested
	Logistics	After receiving funding approval from the St. Joseph County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, <b>Clark Logic</b> has announced that it will purchase a logistics business in <b>White Pigeon</b> to complement its operations.	<b>8</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,000,000</b> invested
	Food Processing	<b>Dark Horse Brewing</b> in <b>Marshall</b> has extended its brand to offer coffee and baked goods, opening doors at its new neighboring facility, Dark Horse Commons.	<b>50</b> new jobs	<b>\$570,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>DENSO Manufacturing Michigan</b> , the lead production facility for DENSO's Thermal Systems North American Center (TAC), is expanding its automation and workforce in <b>Battle Creek</b> .	<b>125</b> new jobs	<b>\$37,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Formerly known as Penguin, LLC, <b>Iceberg Enterprises</b> will invest in the expansion of its manufacturing operations in <b>Sturgis</b> , creating an additional 162,000 square feet of condo space.	<b>12</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,100,000</b> invested
	Real Estate	<b>Kalamazoo Mortgage</b> is converting a newly-purchased facility in <b>Oshtemo Township</b> to serve as its new corporate headquarters.	<b>51</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,415,500</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Premier metal caster <b>Metal Technologies</b> is investing in 10,000 square feet to accommodate a loading dock and additional manufacturing space in <b>Three Rivers</b> .	<b>10</b> new jobs	<b>\$861,500</b> invested

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	Life Science	<p><b>OptiMed Specialty Pharmacy</b> is expanding in <b>Oshtemo Township</b> with a new 34,000-square-foot facility to house its national headquarters and specialty pharmacy business. Southwest Michigan was chosen for this project over competing sites in California and Louisiana.</p>	<p><b>77</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$1,200,000</b> invested</p>
	Other	<p><b>RAI Jets</b> has acquired an aircraft hangar in <b>Kalamazoo</b> to support its growing private jet charter and maintenance service. Renovations and remediation give potential for up to 25 jobs in three to five years.</p>	<p><b>10</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$766,000</b> invested</p>
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<p><b>Schmitz Foam Products, Inc.</b> plans to establish a North American headquarters in <b>Coldwater</b> near one of its key suppliers, supporting its business of converting post-industrial scrap to create shock pads for sports fields, landfill covers and more.</p>	<p><b>39</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$9,100,000</b> invested</p>
	Food Processing	<p><b>Paw Paw</b>-headquartered <b>Spiech Farms, LLC</b> is rolling out a new product line of frozen produce in stand-up pouches, expanding its local operations after being awarded a \$220,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant. Michigan was chosen over a competing site in Georgia.</p>	<p><b>55</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$1,000,000</b> invested</p>
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<p><b>ST USA Holding Corp.</b>, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fox Factory, Inc., is creating a new manufacturing facility in its <b>Coldwater</b> home to support its manufacturing of automotive suspension parts for off road and sport vehicles.</p>	<p><b>129</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$6,300,000</b> invested</p>

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## 2016 Quarter 1

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Food Processing	<p><b>Dark Horse Brewing</b> in <b>Marshall</b> is expanding its production facility with an added 15,000 square feet, along with parking and public infrastructure upgrades.</p>	<p><b>25</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$1,000,000</b> invested</p>
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<p><b>Freeman Manufacturing Company</b> will create 10 new jobs in <b>Sturgis</b> as new owners of the medical orthotics/prosthetics manufacturer endeavor to recreate the company. This project will bring back some jobs previously outsourced to Puerto Rico.</p>	<p><b>10</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$400,000</b> invested</p>
	Food Processing	<p><b>Hanson Logistics</b> announced it will purchase 25 acres of land in the city of <b>South Haven</b> with plans to lease space for a fruit processing and cold storage facility that will create 200 new jobs.</p>	<p><b>200</b> new jobs</p>	<p>Investment Unknown</p>
	Food Processing	<p><b>Pero Family Farms Food Company</b> is undertaking an 8,320-foot expansion of its facility in <b>Benton Harbor Township</b>, allowing for increased production with 74 new jobs added over a three-year period. In addition, 50 existing seasonal jobs will move to full-time.</p>	<p><b>74</b> new jobs</p>	<p>Investment Unknown</p>
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<p>With approval for \$3,000 in Skilled Trades Training Fund dollars, <b>Schoolcraft-based Weber Specialties</b> will create a Tool and Die Maker Apprenticeship position.</p>	<p><b>1</b> new job</p>	<p><b>\$33,462</b> invested</p>
	Retail	<p><b>Zeigler Auto Group</b> announced that it will build a new 70,000-square-foot dealership facility for Zeigler Motorsports in <b>Comstock Township's</b> Midlink Business Park.</p>	<p><b>45</b> new jobs</p>	<p>Investment Unknown</p>