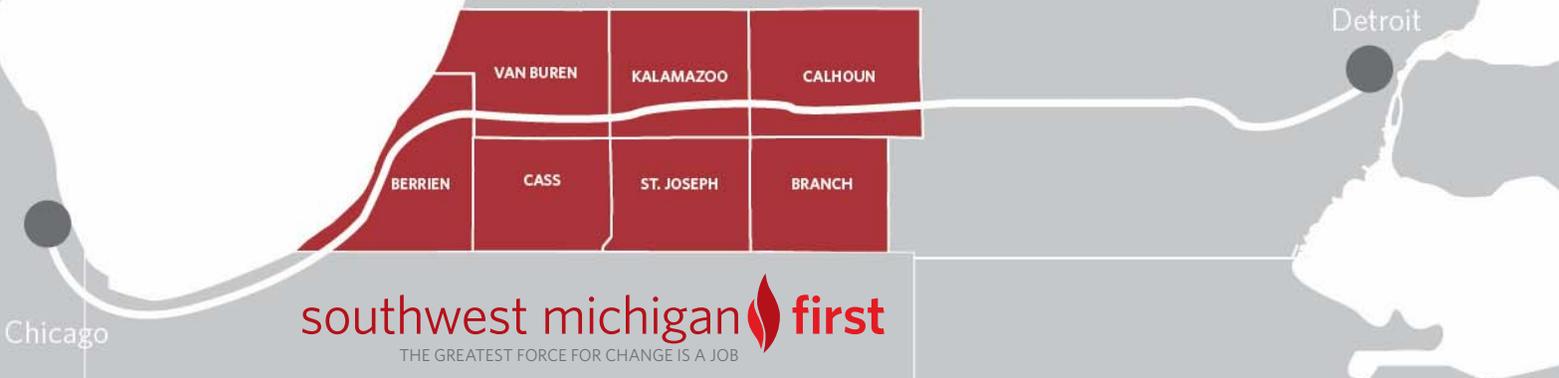


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## 2018 Quarter 4

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Gast Manufacturing</b> , a supplier of pneumatic products, is bringing 30 new jobs to <b>Benton Harbor</b> with its \$6,051,000 investment.	<b>30</b> new jobs	<b>\$6,051,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Kalamazoo Industries, Inc.</b> , a local manufacturer of industrial saws, grinders and dust extraction equipment, is growing in <b>Comstock Charter Township</b> . It will add three new job as part of its \$150,000 investment to increase finished goods warehousing and the number of loading docks to improve process flow and manufacturing capacity.	<b>3</b> new jobs	<b>\$150,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Sturgis Molded Products</b> , a plastic injection molding specialist in <b>Sturgis</b> , is investing \$3 million in its facility and equipment to accommodate growth from a new product line.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$3,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Whirlpool Corporation</b> , a multinational manufacturer and marketer of home appliances, is investing almost \$8 million to create a new daycare facility in <b>Benton Harbor</b> for its employees. The number of new jobs created will be 39.	<b>39</b> new jobs	<b>\$7,947,685</b> invested

## 2018 Quarter 3

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>Dennis Group</b> expects to invest more than \$600,000 and hire more than 65 employees over the next three years in <b>Battle Creek</b> . The company provides design, engineering, and construction management services for the food and beverage industry.	<b>65</b> new jobs	<b>\$600,000</b> invested

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	Logistics	<p><b>Dicastal Logistics Group</b> will locate a new operation in <b>Hagar Township</b> and create 100 new jobs. Based in Qinhuangdao City, China, the company is a distribution organization for the world's largest manufacturer of aluminum wheels for the auto industry.</p>	<p><b>100</b> new jobs</p>	<p>Unknown investment</p>
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<p><b>Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet</b> is experiencing consistent growth in North America and is positioning itself to expand further into global markets. The leading manufacturer of premium grills, pizza ovens, cabinets and luxury outdoor cooking equipment for residential outdoor kitchens plans to expand operations in <b>Comstock Charter Township</b> by investing \$3.1 million in its facilities and boosting its workforce with 31 new jobs.</p>	<p><b>31</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$3,130,000</b> invested</p>
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<p><b>Michigan Milk Producers Association</b>, a dairy farmer-owned cooperative and dairy producer serving more than 1,700 farmers in the Midwest, plans to add a new 7,500-square-foot processing area to its existing facility in <b>Constantine</b>. The project is expected to generate a total investment of \$24 million and create 11 jobs.</p>	<p><b>11</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$24,000,000</b> invested</p>
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<p><b>Michigan Pure Med</b>, a vertically-integrated pharmaceutical medical cannabis company, will eventually employ 400 in a growing and processing facility in <b>Marshall</b>.</p>	<p><b>400</b> new jobs</p>	<p>Unknown investment</p>
	Health Sciences	<p>Global pharmaceutical-industry leader <b>Pfizer</b> will manufacture a line of injectable drugs at a two-story, 400-000-square-foot facility to be built at its <b>Portage</b> campus in Kalamazoo County. When completed, Pfizer claims the</p>	<p><b>450</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$465,000,000</b> invested</p>

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		injectable drug processing facility will be one of the largest in the western hemisphere, employing 450.		
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Based in <b>Marcellus Township</b> , custom plastics injection molding firm <b>TriStar Molding</b> is investing \$360,000 to add finished goods warehousing space as well as incoming and outgoing loading docks. The project will improve the safety of the company's manufacturing space, boosting process flow and create three new jobs.	<b>3</b> new jobs	<b>\$360,000</b> invested
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>Walther Farms</b> , a third-generation potato farm, is investing \$8 million in the construction of a new 110,000-square-foot refrigerated warehouse in <b>Mottville Township</b> near Three Rivers. The expansion will create 12 new jobs.	<b>12</b> new jobs	<b>\$8,300,000</b> invested

## 2018 Quarter 2

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Design-Based Manufacturing	Due to increased production volume, <b>Banks Hardwoods</b> , a valued supplier of hardwoods in <b>White Pigeon</b> , expanded its warehousing space by 30,000 square feet.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$2,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Chem Link</b> , offering high performance sealants and adhesives in <b>Schoolcraft</b> , received a state transportation economic development grant to improve access to its facility.	<b>15</b> new jobs	<b>\$5,000,000</b> invested
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>Mendon Seed Growers</b> will establish a new location in <b>Sturgis</b> . The company received a \$50,000 performance-based grant from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	<b>6</b> new jobs	<b>\$3,000,000</b> invested

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		to create a full-service, turnkey seed production facility.		
	Health Sciences/ Medical Devices	To accommodate <b>Stryker Corporation's</b> continuing growth, the company's medical division formalized plans to expand its facility in the city of <b>Portage</b> by 253,000 square feet, choosing the region over competing sites in other states. The move comes with a \$110 million investment and the creation of 260 high-paying jobs.	<b>260</b> new jobs	<b>\$110,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>XL Machine</b> , a turnkey supplier of precision build-to-print components and assemblies, will expand its shipping area to accommodate increased product demand from <b>Three Rivers</b> .	<b>10</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,320,000</b> invested

## 2018 Quarter 1

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Distribution/ Logistics	<b>All That Jazz</b> , a custom embroidery company, announced the purchase of 360,000 square feet in the former Kirsch Building in <b>Sturgis</b> , where it will operate a warehousing and distribution operation.	<b>20</b> new jobs	<b>\$3,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>American Axle &amp; Manufacturing</b> , a global leader in driveline, metal forming, powertrain and casting technologies for automotive, commercial and industrial markets will use a grant award from the Michigan Skilled Trades Training Fund to equip new employees with jobs skills at its <b>Three Rivers</b> location.	<b>120</b> new jobs	<b>\$143,320</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Lawson Aviation</b> , specializing in the overhaul of Continental and Lycoming engines, purchased three acres in the city of <b>Three Rivers</b>	<b>2</b> new jobs	<b>\$80,000</b> invested

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		Airport Industrial Park to build an addition to its growing business.		
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Michigan Tool Works</b> has completed its purchase of Luttmann Precision Mold in <b>Sturgis</b> , acquiring the building, equipment and 30 employees.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>Unknown</b>
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>Prairie Farms Dairy</b> invested in a state-of-the-art bottling plant in <b>Battle Creek</b> . The facility will be the farmer-owned cooperative's only bottling plant producing ultra-high pasteurized milk products.	<b>16</b> new jobs	<b>\$28,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>SELECT Products Limited</b> consolidated operations in a new facility in <b>Oshtemo Township</b> to accommodate light machining and assembly work, with the potential for future expansion, including an aluminum anodizing facility. The company manufactures commercial continuous geared aluminum door hinges for the architectural hardware industry.	<b>4</b> new jobs	<b>\$3,490,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	The <b>Southwest Michigan Tooling Collaborative</b> based in <b>Kalamazoo</b> pooled resources to obtain a collaborative application to Michigan's Skilled Trades Training Fund for a grand award for on-the-job training on Cimatron software, EDM (electrical discharge machining) machines and welding.	<b>4</b> new jobs	<b>\$22,450</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Tenneco</b> , a global manufacturing company that offers clean air and ride performance solutions to diversified markets including light vehicle, commercial truck, off-highway equipment and the aftermarket, is converting a site in <b>Marshall</b> to a dedicated service manufacturing center.	<b>54</b> new jobs	<b>\$358,483</b> invested