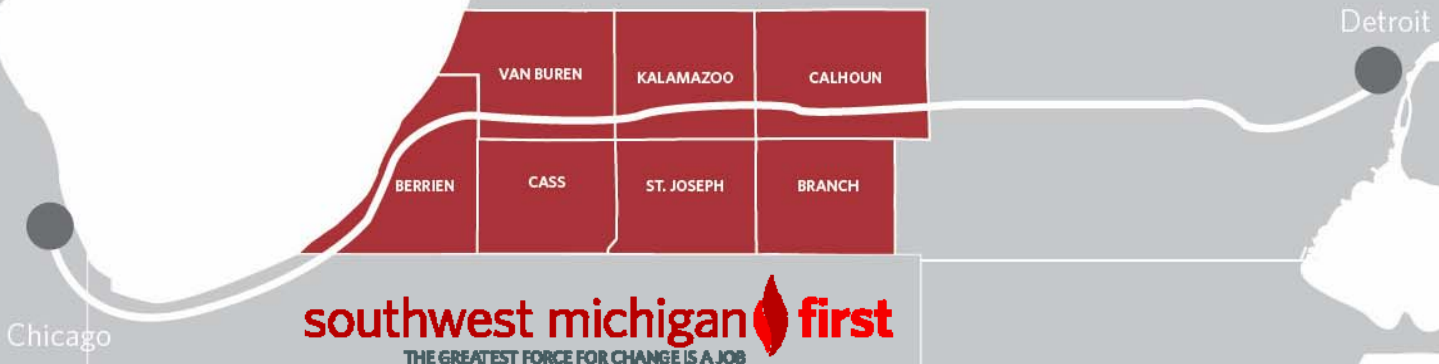


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## 2017 Quarter 4

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
 ALBEMARLE®	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Albemarle</b> continues to invest at its <b>South Haven</b> facility where it specializes in the production of pharmaceutical intermediates and active pharmaceutical ingredients.	<b>11</b> new jobs	<b>\$24,000</b> invested
 <b>Armstrong</b>	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Armstrong International</b> is investing in its <b>Three Rivers</b> location where it will create a new learning center, renovate an R&D lab and upgrade machinery to keep this fifth-generation family-owned company providing products that reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency for its customers all over the world.	<b>5</b> new jobs	<b>\$7,700,000</b> invested
 <b>Aunt Millie's</b>	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>Aunt Millie's Bakery</b> is making a \$1 million investment in its <b>Kalamazoo</b> bakery where it primarily produces Aunt Millie's delicious Hearth Breads.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,000,000</b> invested
 <b>Consumers Energy</b> Count on Us®	Utilities	Public utility provider, <b>Consumers Energy</b> , is investing \$9 million in its <b>Union City</b> facility which will expand that facility by 27,000 square feet.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$9,000,000</b> invested
 <b>DUNCAN AVIATION</b>	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Duncan Aviation</b> is moving forward with its plans to lease a hangar at <b>Battle Creek</b> Airport to increase the capacity. The comprehensive aircraft service provider expects the \$2.9 million expansion to create 50 new jobs over the next three years.	<b>50</b> new jobs	<b>\$2,900,000</b> invested
 <b>ENVIROLITE</b> SPECIALTY FOAM PRODUCTS	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Envirolite's</b> flooring products are converted in <b>Coldwater</b> where the company is making a \$1.9 million investment in a 54,000-square-foot expansion.	<b>25</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,900,000</b> invested



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 <p>HARLOFF MANUFACTURING COMPANY</p>	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Harloff Manufacturing</b> in <b>Paw Paw</b> continues to grow its custom tooling, stamping, roll form and injection molded solutions.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$60,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	With over 20 years of experience in the kitchen cabinet industry, <b>Harvest Oak Manufacturing</b> continues to expand its workforce in <b>Bronson</b> .	<b>10</b> new jobs	<b>Unknown</b> invested
 <p>Hoof-To-Hanger Fiber Mill</p>	Design-Based Manufacturing	Offering animal fiber processing for sheep, alpaca, llama and more fleece from fibers, <b>Hoof-to-Hanger Fiber Mill</b> landed in <b>Bridgman's</b> downtown district offering an open view concept to promote visitor attraction.	<b>6</b> new jobs	<b>\$500,000</b> invested
	Health Services	<b>LogiQuip Healthcare Storage Solutions</b> is continuing the final assembly and distribution of healthcare storage solutions from its <b>Galesburg</b> location.	<b>10</b> new jobs	<b>\$9,000,000</b> invested
<p><b>M&amp;M Core</b></p>	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>M&amp;M Core</b> is investing \$400,000 in its recycling services equipment and supplies operation in <b>Bronson</b> .	<b>8</b> new jobs	<b>\$400,000</b> invested
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>Monte Package Co.</b> in <b>Riverside/Hager Township</b> is expanding its facility by 3,600 square feet. The company produces containers for the agriculture/food processing sector including wire-bound crates, wet service cartons, orchard bins and picking accessories.	<b>2</b> new jobs	<b>\$140,000</b> invested
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	Committed to bringing consumers "the best tasting beans in glass," <b>Randall Beans</b> is investing in <b>Tekonsha</b> where it has processed foods since 1876.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$80,000</b> invested




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<p><b>Skilled Trades Training Fund</b> State of Michigan</p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>The state of Michigan created the <b>Skilled Trades Training Fund (STTF)</b> program in 2014 to assist employers in training, developing and retaining their current and yet-to-be-hired employees. The program is delivered through collaboration between economic development, educational, and Michigan Works! agencies. Here's just a few Southwest Michigan companies earning awards at the end of 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armstrong International</li> <li>• Forrest Company</li> <li>• Getman Corporation</li> <li>• Graphic Packaging International-Carton</li> <li>• International Paper</li> <li>• Isringhausen</li> <li>• Keystone Solutions Group</li> <li>• Mall City Mechanical</li> <li>• National Flavors</li> <li>• OptiMed Specialty Pharmacy</li> <li>• Pfizer Global Manufacturing</li> <li>• Schupan &amp; Sons</li> <li>• Sigma Machine</li> <li>• Singh Automation</li> <li>• Taplin Group</li> <li>• Weber Specialties Company</li> <li>• W-L Molding Company</li> <li>• X-L Machine Company</li> <li>• Zoetis</li> </ul>	<p><b>399</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$1,450,706</b> invested</p>
	<p>Design-Based Manufacturing</p>	<p><b>Tri-Mation Industries</b>, a tool and die company located in <b>Mattawan</b>, is investing in new equipment and a new building construction.</p>	<p><b>15</b> new jobs</p>	<p><b>\$2,200,000</b> invested</p>





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	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>West Michigan Flocking</b> , a full-service manufacturer providing innovative decorative, custom and functional components through flocking and injection molding, is investing \$4 million in its <b>Covert</b> operations.	<b>36</b> new jobs	<b>\$4,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Whirlpool Corporation</b> is investing \$25 million in an expansion and renovation of the company's <b>St. Joseph</b> Tech Center. The multinational manufacturer and marketer of home appliances continues to expand in Southwest Michigan.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$25,00,000</b> invested



## 2017 Quarter 3

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Atlantic Packaging</b> , a leading source of packaging equipment, materials, engineering and technical resources, acquired a site in <b>Sturgis</b> in anticipation of future expansion needs.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$200,000</b> invested
	Distribution/ Logistics	<b>Clark Logic</b> made investments in <b>Sturgis</b> and <b>Three Rivers</b> that will impact its logistics capabilities.	<b>5</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,000,000</b> invested
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>Bell's Brewery, Inc.</b> will invest in capital improvements, equipment and sustainability projects throughout its regional facilities.	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$7,000,000</b> invested
<b>Bowers Aluminum</b>	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Bowers Aluminum</b> has finalized an agreement to acquire 27 acres in <b>Battle Creek's</b> Fort Custer Industrial Park to build a new 68,850-square-foot facility.	<b>94</b> new jobs	<b>\$7,500,000</b> invested

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	Design-Based Manufacturing	Highly technical manufacturer, <b>FEMA Corporation</b> , is making a \$2,250,000 investment at its <b>Portage</b> facility including a new 47,567-square-foot building and 14 new jobs.	<b>14</b> new jobs	<b>\$2,250,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Xcel Painting, LLC</b> announced it will expand and bring 50 jobs to the <b>village of White Pigeon</b> . The company is a spin-off of Indiana-based Global Composites, a manufacturer of nose caps, rear caps and nose cones for the RV industry.	<b>50</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,750,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Micro-Lam Technologies</b> has outgrown its start-up roots and expanded into a new facility in <b>Portage</b> to support growth associated with its hybrid laser-diamond cutting tool system.	<b>5</b> new jobs	<b>Unknown</b>
	Design-Based Manufacturing	A building expansion by <b>Newell Brands</b> in <b>Kalamazoo</b> is expected to bring \$8 million in new investment and 87 design jobs.	<b>87</b> new jobs	<b>\$7,300,000</b> invested

## 2017 Quarter 2


Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>Bell's Brewery, Inc.</b> is adding a pilot brewery and new specialty packaging line at its production facility in <b>Comstock Township</b> .	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$550,000</b> invested
	Health Services	<b>ConcertoHealth</b> is expanding into a new 14,500-square-foot facility in <b>Oshtemo Township</b> . The group specializes in primary care and supporting clinical services for complex, frail, elderly and dual-eligible patients through comprehensive telephonic and field-based care.	<b>90</b> new jobs	<b>\$400,000</b> invested

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	Design-Based Manufacturing	A manufacturer for the auto parts after-market, <b>DMPE, Inc.</b> , grew in <b>Stevensville</b> .	<b>3</b> new jobs	<b>\$500,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Falcon Lakeside Manufacturing</b> , a cast and machined products manufacturer, expanded into the villages of <b>Stevensville</b> and <b>Eau Claire</b> .	<b>27</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,800,000</b> invested
 Green Bay Packaging Inc. Kalamazoo Container Division	Design-Based Manufacturing	Custom corrugated packaging specialist <b>Green Bay Packaging</b> is undertaking an 107,000-square-foot expansion in <b>Pavilion Township</b> .	<b>3</b> new jobs	<b>\$10,800,000</b> invested
	Back Office/ Customer Care Center	<b>GT Independence</b> , a back office customer care company, will expand into 5,000 square feet in the new Moso Village development in the <b>Sturgis</b> .	<b>50</b> new jobs	<b>\$200,000</b> invested
	Agriculture/ Food Processing	<b>National Flavors, Inc.</b> , a local custom flavoring company, has broken ground on its new 30,000-square-foot facility in <b>Oshtemo Township</b> .	<b>5</b> new jobs	<b>Unknown</b>
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Parker Hannifin – Pneumatic Division</b> , a specialist in motion and motion and control technologies, made investment in its <b>Richland</b> site to accommodate for its office support staff.	<b>5</b> new jobs	<b>Unknown</b>
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Quality Precast, Inc.</b> is building a new 25,000-square-foot production facility and corporate headquarters in <b>Alamo Township</b> .	<b>20</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,352,185</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Zoetis, Inc.</b> announced a \$64.5 million investment in its manufacturing facilities in <b>Kalamazoo</b> and <b>Portage</b> . The investment includes two new production lines and related operations to manufacture oral tablets and chewable medicines for companion animals.	<b>60</b> new jobs	<b>\$64,500,000</b> invested

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## 2017 Quarter 1

Company	Industry	Summary	Jobs + Investment	
 Depatie Fluid Power Company PUMPS & AUTOMATION PRODUCTS	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Depatie Fluid Power Company</b> in <b>Portage</b> plans to invest \$550,000 in a 40,000-square-foot expansion, adding five new jobs.	<b>5</b> new jobs	<b>\$550,000</b> invested
 EAST JORDAN PLASTICS, INC.	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>East Jordan Plastics</b> , a provider of plant containers and plant growing solutions, is expanding its manufacturing operations and distribution center in <b>Coloma</b> .	<b>3</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,300,000</b> invested
 G&W Display Fixtures, Inc	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>G&amp;W Display Fixtures</b> is purchasing a 150,000-square-foot building to house its metal fabrication, welding and finishing processes in <b>Bronson</b> .	<b>10</b> new jobs	<b>\$725,000</b> invested
 HAYMARKET BREWERY & TAPROOM   BRIDGMAN, MI	Food Processing	<b>Haymarket Brewery &amp; Taproom</b> opened its second location in <b>Bridgman</b> which will serve as a production brewery.	<b>39</b> new jobs	<b>\$5,250,000</b> invested
 INTERNATIONAL PAPER	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>International Paper</b> , one of the world's leading producers of fiber-based packaging, pulp and paper, will expand its operations in <b>Three Rivers</b> .	<b>25</b> new jobs	Investment Unknown
 Leco Delivering the Right Results	Life Science, Other	<b>LECO Corporation</b> will construct a new 64,000-square-foot applications laboratory and customer demonstration facility in <b>St. Joseph</b> .	<b>6</b> new jobs	<b>\$19,000,000</b> invested
 JR AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>JR Automation Technologies</b> , a global leader in capital equipment design, integration and manufacturing, will expand its existing facility by 25,000 square feet in <b>Stevensville</b> .	<b>60</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,900,000</b> invested
 MODINEER	Design-Based Manufacturing	Quality metal components specialist <b>Modineer Coatings Division</b> is expanding its operations in <b>Benton Harbor</b> .	<b>21</b> new jobs	<b>\$2,200,000</b> invested



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	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Special-Lite</b> , a manufacturer of engineered architectural products, including commercial entrance systems, has chosen to expand in <b>Benton Harbor</b> .	<b>6</b> new jobs	<b>\$1,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	<b>Summit Polymers</b> , a leading Tier I supplier to the automotive industry, is expanding its operations in <b>Portage</b> .	<b>0</b> new jobs	<b>\$12,000,000</b> invested
	Design-Based Manufacturing	A manufacturer of plastic injection molded parts and rapid prototyping specialist, <b>Verified Design</b> launched as a startup in <b>Kalamazoo</b> .	<b>5</b> new jobs	<b>\$250,000</b> invested