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Niagara Bottling Plans New Louisiana Facility

By Louisiana Economic Development

TANGIPAHOA PARISH—Niagara Bottling, one of the nation's leading beverage manufacturers, has announced it plans to invest up to \$160 million to establish a state-of-the-art production facility near Hammond. The company will create 70 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of \$55,000. Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in an additional 100 new indirect jobs, for a total of 170 new jobs in the region.

The new, highly automated facility will contain advanced equipment and technology that will increase production efficiency to allow the company to meet growing demand. Louisiana was chosen over competing states and the Tangipahoa Parish facility will be Niagara's first location in the state.

"Niagara's new production facility will help grow Louisiana's food and beverage industry while continuing to diversify and strengthen our thriving manufacturing sector," Governor John Bel Edwards said. "Manufacturing jobs have a powerful ripple effect on our economy, so the 170 new job opportunities this project creates will benefit not only Tangipahoa Parish but the entire Southeast Region."

Headquartered in Diamond Bar, California, Niagara supplies some of the largest beverage brands, retailers, grocers, and convenience stores in the United States with a variety of beverages, including sparkling, vitamin, and flavored waters, teas, sports drinks, ready-to-drink coffee, protein drinks, non-dairy milk products, and bottled water. The company operates more than 40 production facilities with over 7,000 employees worldwide.

"Niagara Bottling is grounded in principles that put strong business and community relationships first, and we look forward to deepening our connection with Tangipahoa Parish through the establishment of this facility," said Niagara Bottling Executive Vice President Brian Hess. "Louisiana has a rich beverage manufacturing history, and Tangipahoa Parish stood out as a highly attractive partner for this project thanks to a combination of location, logistical support, and potential workforce."

The company expects to begin construction on the 500,000-square-foot facility in the second quarter of 2023.



"In Tangipahoa Parish, we work hard to grow our advanced manufacturing industry," Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said. "We know this project will enhance Tangipahoa's economic landscape and, in turn, benefit everyone in this region.

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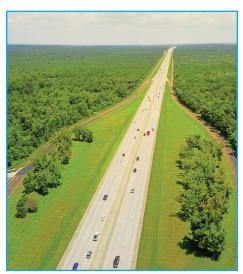
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Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, West Virginia Women's Business Center Contact: Melissa Loder, 304-623-7448, Melissa.Loder@sba.gov

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Tuesday, January 24 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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