



ACCELERATING OPPORTUNITY

A Letter from TCEDA Board Chairman, Norman Crow, Jr.

Dear friends,

I am honored and humbled to serve as the incoming Chairman of the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development (TCEDA) Board of Directors. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks for the confidence and trust placed in me and my excitement about the continued progress ahead.

When TCEDA was founded in 1973, it was with the notion that we were positioned for incredible growth. Today we are the leading agency for business recruitment, expansion, and retention.

It is no secret that the past two years have been challenging for businesses of all sizes, and I am proud to have served on the TCEDA Board of Directors during this time. The TCEDA staff, community partners, and elected officials worked and continue to work together seamlessly to help our business community rebound and recover.

Throughout the past couple of years, we have benefited from the leadership and dedication of our immediate past chairman, Mark Crews. We appreciate his contribution and thank him for his ongoing commitment to the growth and success of Tuscaloosa County.

TCEDA is an integral part of creating and maintaining economic health in Tuscaloosa County and we are poised for incredible growth in 2022. Again, it is a great honor to serve as Chairman of the Board during 2022, and I am excited to continue accelerating opportunity in our county.

With sincere gratitude,

Norman Crow, Jr, Board Chair

POPULATION & TALENT GROWTH MAKING HEADLINES



Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority Elects New Officers

The TCEDA board and officers are vital to our success in maximizing the development and growth potential of Tuscaloosa County. Together, we will work to support the Authority's mission through recruiting new business investments and helping existing industries to thrive.

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Population and Talent Growth Gains National Attention

With an established, diverse economic base and flowing talent funnel, Tuscaloosa County is poised for even more significant growth and innovation in emerging knowledge-based industries and continued success in advanced manufacturing.

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Tuscaloosa is named Best Place to Work in Manufacturing by Smart Asset

Smart Asset named Tuscaloosa the “#1 Southern Metro Area” in their Best Places to Work in Manufacturing list, with 21.43% of the workforce employed in manufacturing.

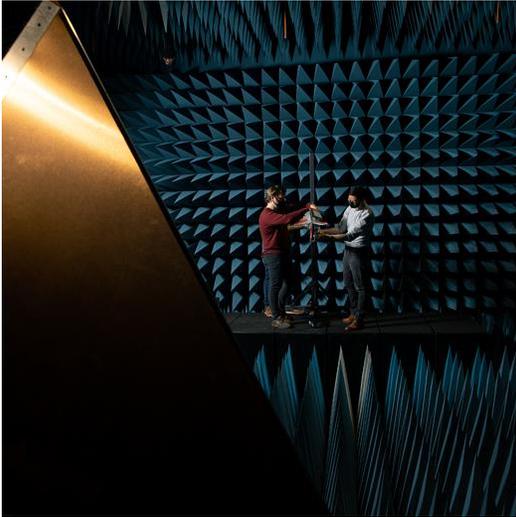
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Black Belt Region selected as a finalist for the EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge

The regional coalition, led by the University of Alabama, was recently selected as a finalist for the EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge DRIVE project. The Build Back Better Regional Challenge provides transformative investments – up to \$100 million per grantee.

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Tuscaloosa tops the list of Best Small High-Tech Cities

24/7 Wall St. ranked municipalities and metro areas according to their high-tech GDP concentration and the number of high-tech industries they're home to, as well as the presence of scientific research and development service landing Tuscaloosa the top spot on the list.

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ACCELERATING YOUR NEXT MOVE



Don't just take our word for it

Tuscaloosa County, Alabama's scenic location amid the Appalachian foothills, pleasant climate, and rich cultural opportunities comes at a true value thanks to our affordable housing and a low overall cost of living.

[Find out more here!](#)

If you're still searching for more information about Tuscaloosa County, check out our [Resource Library!](#) We've included data-rich infographics that are handy references when making site selection decisions. We are always here to help with any questions you may have by [contacting us](#) directly.

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



Brose Tuscaloosa Plant recognized for manufacturing excellence by Industry Week

TALKING TECH



We sat down with our friends at Camgian and CEO, Gary Butler. Camgian has been recognized as an innovation and thought leader in its field by some of the world's leading analyst organizations in the technology sector. From the battlefield to Wall Street, Camgian delivers automation that drives new levels of performance all while #AcceleratingOpportunity in Tuscaloosa County.

[Find out more here!](#)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Li Cycle

Li-Cycle, a leader in lithium-ion battery recycling, is on track to open its new Tuscaloosa County facility in 2022. The company is making a capital investment of \$18.7 million and will create 78 new jobs in the Airport Industrial Park, with more than 30 of the new jobs being added this year.

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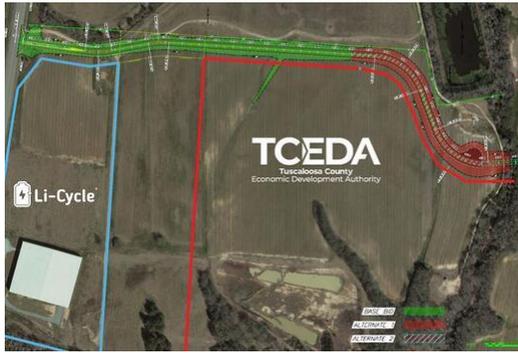


UA Partners with USGS to Build Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility

The state-of-the-art science and engineering facility will support the agency's Water Enterprise. UA's comprehensive water research program fortifies its strategic goal of increasing productivity and innovation in research, learning, and creative activities impacting economic and societal development.

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Airport Industrial Park Access Road

The Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) continues to make tremendous progress toward meeting its goal of completing the new Airport Industrial Park Access Road funded through Growing Alabama. The TCEDA has met major project milestones in recent months and even successfully leveraged the planned improvements to help secure a new industry in the Airport Industrial Park. Timeline estimates indicate that the road will be complete and accepted by the end of 2022.



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