

Off-Site Construction System Manufacturer to Bring 180 Jobs to New Location in Tuscaloosa

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Tuscaloosa, Ala. – Epsilon Industries has announced Tuscaloosa as the next location for the Off-Site Construction System manufacturer and the company is expected to create hundreds of new, high paying jobs, the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority announced Thursday.

The Canadian-based company plans to invest around \$3 million in a new manufacturing facility in the Tuscaloosa County Airport Industrial Park to support the delivery of pre-fabricated modular utility systems in an integrated factory environment. The company will locate to an existing building on Industrial Park Drive. Production is scheduled to start the beginning of May of this year.

Epsilon and the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority jointly announced the new company's arrival during the Authority's March board of directors meeting. Epsilon officials provided a company introduction to the board and were welcomed to the community by members of the TCEDA leadership.

"We are excited to be a part of the Tuscaloosa community," said Chris Wiederick, president of Epsilon Industries. "We will be hosting many of our top clientele at our facility, and we feel that Tuscaloosa offers a convenient location with direct access to the airport, as well as a welcoming and entertaining environment." Wiederick added that the location provides access to a strong labor pool from Tuscaloosa and surrounding counties. Epsilon will hire for numerous positions that include boilermakers, pipefitters, pipe welders, structural welders, electricians, mechanical and electrical engineers, and general laborers.

"Epsilon Industries' decision to locate its newest facility to Tuscaloosa highlights all that our community has to offer new and expanding businesses, including a supportive business environment and strong workforce," said TCEDA Chairman Norman Crow. "In addition to the high-quality jobs that will be created, we are presented with an opportunity to introduce our wonderful city, county and state to the company's customers that will visit its plant throughout the manufacturing process. On behalf of our community, we welcome Chris and the entire Epsilon team to Tuscaloosa."

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The company is the premier provider of modular mechanical and electrical infrastructure in the quickly growing off-site construction industry. Epsilon Industries designs and manufactures off-site constructed and highly customized packaged central utility units. Every Epsilon unit is customized to its customer's design requirements and site-specific challenges. One of the major benefits of off-site construction is the final assembly quality assurance that takes place at the Epsilon manufacturing facility and during the client walk-through and pre-delivery inspection opportunity before the unit is shipped in modules. As each unit is built, bench-tested in Epsilon's controlled factory environment, and then shipped as modules to be directly "plugged in" on site, this manufacturing method ensures better quality consistency, saves valuable time on project schedule, improves labor efficiency while also minimizing interruption with other onsite construction processes.

"The City of Tuscaloosa is excited to be a part of the announcement of a new location for Epsilon Industries in our community," said Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox. "The addition of Epsilon Industries to Tuscaloosa's thriving manufacturing ecosystem will provide new high paying jobs and opportunities for hundreds of our citizens. I look forward to the opportunity to work with TCEDA and other local partners to support Epsilon Industries as they grow and thrive in our community for years to come."

"Companies from all over the world are capitalizing on the growth potential present in the Tuscaloosa area — and for good reason," said Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce. "Epsilon Industries is a welcome addition to Alabama's business community, and I look forward to seeing how the company's investment project positively impacts Tuscaloosa's economy."

Epsilon will utilize both state and local workforce resources for its hiring and training of employees that will support the company's Alabama operations. Alabama Industrial Development Training and West Alabama Works will work with the company to develop a workforce development plan to recruit and train team members. Epsilon expects to hire at least 80 employees by the end of 2023 and will offer competitive wages to their employees. West Alabama Works will host a job fair for Epsilon on March 28, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at The City of Northport auditorium.

"West Alabama Works is excited to support TCEDA in the establishment of Epsilon Industries in Tuscaloosa County," said West Alabama Works Executive Director Donny Jones. "The skilled trade positions associated with this highly specialized field will create new career opportunities for our citizens and complement our existing workforce competencies, which enhances our local business environment and the success of our corporate citizens."

For more information about Epsilon Industries, please visit epsilonfab.com.

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About Epsilon Industries

Epsilon is a leader in the Off-Site Construction (OSC) industry, delivering mechanical/electrical-centric systems in a modular, pre-fabricated form, optimized for a streamlined on-site completion by us or others. We serve a full range of markets, from standard commercial offerings to extremely complex custom-designed systems, and across a broad spectrum of customer industries: commercial, institutional and industrial. Epsilon has been designing and manufacturing complex mechanical and electrical systems in a modular, packaged format for more than two decades. Over the years, we've grown from traditional welding and assembly processes to today's state-of-the-art fabrication equipment and best-in-class manufacturing methodologies, utilizing over 300,000 sq. ft. of production space.

About TCIDA/TCEDA

The Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority, dba the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority, is the economic development agency for all jurisdictions within Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, for manufacturing, technology and knowledge-based investments. TCEDA is a one stop source for accessing site location data including available sites and buildings, financing, employee training, and incentives. Through its efforts and partnerships, the Authority strives to contribute to a positive quality of life for Tuscaloosa County and its citizens, through new opportunities, investment, jobs, and tax revenue.

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