



COLSA Corporation Announces Expansion

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"COLSA's expansion is more good news for Alabama's economy. The jobs and opportunities this expansion will bring to our state will make a tremendous difference in the lives of many citizens. I applaud COLSA and its employees for their outstanding work which has made the company so successful," commented Governor Bob Riley during groundbreaking ceremonies for the Huntsville-based company's new facility. The building will become part of the current COLSA Corporation campus located on Odyssey Drive in Cummings Research Park.

According to COLSA President Al Sullivan, the 132,000 square-foot facility will house a number of NASA- and U.S. Department of Defense-related research and technical support activities. "Once completed," Sullivan noted, "the new facility will accommodate in excess of 350 personnel, including 124 new jobs." Hiring for the new positions will be spread over the 2008 to 2010 timeframe. Currently, COLSA employs more than 900.

"These engineering positions are new to COLSA and Huntsville," added Sullivan.

Francisco J. Collazo, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of COLSA, said, "Huntsville is a great place to start a business because of the synergy between local and state governments and the business community." Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer was on hand to offer congratulations on the company's growth. "I want to express my appreciation to COLSA for their continued investment in this community. COLSA and Huntsville have a great history together, and with this new expansion I am looking forward to an even brighter future."

The new facility will include a significant expansion of the company's high performance computer capabilities. "We'll house more than 10,000 processors on the first floor," said Sullivan. Currently, COLSA's hypersonic missile technology computer center includes the MACH5 supercluster of 3,500+ processors and 2,000+ IBM P3, P4 and P5 processors. According to Sullivan, it's the largest concentration of processing power in Alabama.

"Thanks to our customer's strong confidence in us, built on the superb efforts of our employees, COLSA has enjoyed the significant growth over the past few years which necessitates this new building," Sullivan added.

Brad Jones, chair-elect of the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, remarked that this is a new chapter in the success story of one of Huntsville's homegrown companies. "COLSA Corporation was founded more than 25 years ago in a Huntsville garage by Francisco J. and Carmen Collazo. Their goal was to serve the company's customers with dedication and excellence. It's a goal they achieved immediately and one the company's 900 plus employees continue to meet daily."

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FCA Properties, Inc. is the project developer. "FCA Properties is extremely proud of this and our other ongoing development projects and looks forward to supporting COLSA Corporation," said President Frank L. Collazo. The development team also includes Fuqua & Partners Architects, Consolidated Construction Company, Sirote & Permutt and First Commercial Bank.

The new facility is scheduled for completion by 12/31/07.

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COLSA Corporation was founded in Huntsville, Ala. in 1980. The company's core competencies include information technology, software engineering, system engineering, system integration, test and evaluation, computer facility operation and maintenance (O&M), systems and network administration, telecommunications and security engineering.

COLSA excels in providing systems integration and support to large-scale computer systems, including high performance computing systems and hardware-in-the-loop weapon system testbeds. Integration efforts include design and development of multiple platform systems and software applications to ensure ease of use by diverse customers.