



Building The Columbus Region

2007 Business Attractions,
Retentions and Expansions

In 2007, 116 companies and more than 25,000 employees were attracted to, or retained in, the Columbus Region. Our regional team of economic development professionals, representing counties, cities, municipalities and villages, partnered to grow the region through business attraction, retention and expansion. The team worked closely with the State of Ohio.

The Columbus Chamber leads and supports economic growth and development in the Columbus Region.

At a glance

- 116 total companies attracted, retained or expanded
- More than 10,000 new employees
- More than 15,000 employees retained
- 48 new companies

About Columbus

- Eight-county region with rural, urban, suburban locations
- One of the fastest-growing major metropolitan areas in the Midwest
- Columbus is the 14th largest city in the U.S.
- Home to 20 colleges and universities; more than 110,000 students
- 15 Fortune 1,000 companies, including six Fortune 500

Highlights

Abercrombie and Fitch (*expansion*)

Abercrombie and Fitch (A&F) continues to expand on its 309-acre New Albany corporate campus. Since 2001, A&F's campus has grown from 1.2 million to 3.8 million square feet, including an addition of 100,000 square feet and 350 new jobs in 2007. That growth will continue with A&F's commitment to build a minimum of 100,000 square feet every year through 2010.

Whirlpool (*relocation*)

Whirlpool consolidated two regional distribution centers and relocated those operations into a new, 1.56 million square foot facility near the Rickenbacker Logistics Park. The new facility will be one of ten located throughout the United States and will be one of five that distribute both high- and low-volume products. The \$162 million investment created 301 new jobs in the Columbus Region.

Associated Hygienic Products

(*relocation and 2008 expansion*)

Associated Hygienic Products (AHP) constructed a 215,000 square-foot facility in the City of Delaware, creating over 200 new jobs. This new facility is AHP's premier, low-impact facility – one of three that AHP operates in North America. AHP's relocation has been so successful that they have already expanded operations, adding 70,000 square-foot in 2008.

Cardinal Health (*expansion*)

Ohio's largest company and the 19th largest in the country announced plans to build an addition to its headquarters and expand its workforce by adding 675 new jobs in the City of Dublin. The \$50 million, 250,000 square-foot expansion will be home to the healthcare supply chain services, a \$74 billion business formed through Cardinal's pharmaceutical and medical products supply chain.

Dublin Methodist Hospital

(*new development*)

OhioHealth constructed a 300,000 square-foot hospital in the City of Dublin. The state-of-the-art facility has 93 beds and is expandable to 300 beds. The Dublin Methodist Hospital project is expected to create 450 jobs.

Creekside (*new development*)

Creekside Gahanna encompasses 240,000 square feet of property along Gahanna's Big Walnut Creek. The mixed-use development features 71 luxury condominiums, 100,000 square feet of commercial space, an underground parking garage and amenities designed to incorporate the area's natural landscape.



The Columbus Region, also known as the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area, encompasses eight counties – Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway and Union. The region grew 8.8 percent between 2000 and 2007, making it one of the fastest-growing major metropolitan areas in the Midwest.

For additional information about counties and communities in the Columbus Region, including economic development contacts, visit www.columbusregion.com.

2007 Business Attractions, Retentions and Expansions (Listed by community)

COMPANY NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	NEW LOCATE, EXPANSION OR RETENTION		
			JOBS (NEW / RETAINED)	COMMUNITY
Aero Sport Modeling & Design	Prototype and modeling firm	New Locate	15 / --	Canal Winchester
AK Athletic	Manufacturer of athletic mats and padding	New Locate	8 / --	Canal Winchester
Bus Service Inc.	Bus service and sales company	New Locate	15 / --	Canal Winchester
AirSpacePlace.com	Small aircraft condo and facility provider	New Locate	2 / --	Delaware
Associated Hygienic Products	Manufacturer of disposable baby diapers	New Locate & 2008 Expansion	201 / --	Delaware
Federal Heath Sign Company	Sign manufacturing company	Retention	-- / 50	Delaware
Innopak	Packaging solutions manufacturer and distributor	New Locate	10 / --	Delaware
Jet Stream Corporate Center	Aviation business center	New Locate	45 / --	Delaware
Liebert/Emerson Electric	Manufacturer of mission-critical power and cooling technology	Expansion	100 / 250	Delaware
North American Bus Industries, Inc.	Distributor of bus parts	New Locate & Expansion	45 / 45	Delaware
Sky Climber	Manufacturer of hoists, rigging solutions, and modular work platforms	Expansion	45 / --	Delaware
Symmetry One Business Center	Flex Office provider	New Locate	45 / --	Delaware
V&P Hydraulics	Manufacturer of heavy duty, high quality, and custom welded mobile hydraulic cylinders	Expansion	55 / --	Delaware
RoadRunner Sports	Distributor and retailer of sports apparel	New Locate	100 / --	Worthington
Action Group	Full service product development firm	Retention & Expansion	25 / 69	Columbus
Brady, Ware & Schoenfield, Inc.	CPA, financial consulting and accounting firm	New Locate	14 / --	Columbus
Budenheim	Manufacturer of phosphates	New Location	40 / --	Columbus
ComResource	Business technology service provider	Retention & Expansion	75 / --	Columbus
Crafts American Group, Inc.	Warehouse Distribution	Retention & Expansion	15 / 18	Columbus
DCT Industrial Trust	Warehouse Distribution	New Locate	20 / --	Columbus
DSW	Branded footwear retailer	Expansion/ Retention	199 / --	Columbus
Ecommerce	Web design firm	New Locate	30 / --	Columbus
Exel, Inc.	Logistics and freight management company	Expansion	45 / 22	Columbus
Glimcher	Real estate investment trust	Retention/ Expansion	26 / 148	Columbus
GSP/OH Inc.	Architecture, engineering and interior design firm	Retention/ Expansion	11 / 15	Columbus
Interpath	Application service provider	Retention/ Expansion	15 / 47	Columbus
Knight Transportation	Dry van truckload carrier	New Locate	171 / 7	Columbus
Mettler Toledo	Manufacturer of commercial and industrial weighing equipment	Expansion	-- / 222	Columbus
Morgan Stanley	Securities brokerage, investment banking and securities firm	New Locate	310 / --	Columbus

NEW LOCATE, EXPANSION OR RETENTION

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MORSO Holdings	Non-retail commercial and industrial	New Locate	4000 / --		Columbus
Ohio Valley Cable Services	Provider of cable TV products to cable operators and businesses	New Locate	186 / --		Columbus
Red Roof Inn	Hotel chain headquarters	New Locate	80 / 37		Columbus
Resource Interactive	Technology marketing and communications company	Retention/Expansion	100 / 80		Columbus
SBC Advertising	Full-service advertising and marketing company	Retention & Expansion	85 / --		Columbus
Setterlin Building Co.	Commercial construction company	Retention & Expansion	-- / 20		Columbus
Sonoco Products	Manufacturer of plastics bottles	New Locate	30 / --		Columbus
VNC Bearing, Inc.	Bearing distributor	Expansion	21 / 7		Columbus
Whirlpool	Global manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances	New Locate/Expansion	304 / --		Columbus
Zyvex Performance Materials, Inc.	Molecular nanotechnology company	New Locate	97 / --		Columbus
AIMO LLC (dba FLG Hospitality)	Hotel management and development company	New Locate	38 / --		Dublin
BMI Federal Credit Union	Federal credit union	New Locate & Retention	60 / 7		Dublin
Buckeye Dermatology	Dermatology practice	Retention & Expansion	23 / 26		Dublin
Cardinal Health	Pharmaceutical and medical supply and equipment distributor headquarters	Expansion	675 / --		Dublin
CRES (Center for Reliable Energy Systems)	Advanced energy research firm	Retention & Expansion	25 / --		Dublin
Dublin Methodist Hospital (OhioHealth)	Full-service hospital	New Locate	500 / --		Dublin
Hull & Associates	Engineering and strategic planning company	Retention & Expansion	22 / 58		Dublin
Pontis Group	Integrated marketing and creative communications company	Retention & Expansion	9 / 10		Dublin
Xcelerate Media, Inc.	Creator of customized e-learning courseware	Retention & Expansion	62 / 10		Dublin
Westerman, Inc.	Manufacturer of oil/gas/nuclear storage containers	Expansion	30 / 135		Fairfield County (Violet Township)
Alloy Polymers	Specialty compounding services and solutions company in the thermoplastics industry	Retention	-- / 50		Gahanna
Ameriprise	Investment advisory company	New Locate	5 / --		Gahanna
ASKM Oncology	Medical office	New Locate	11 / --		Gahanna
Asphalt Services of Ohio	Paving and concrete contractors	Retention	-- / 10		Gahanna
Coalescence	Custom blending and repackaging service for the food industry	Retention	-- / 15		Gahanna
Creekside	Multi-use development	New Locate	200 / --		Gahanna
Electric Solutions, Inc.	Commercial electric contractor	New Locate	25 / --		Gahanna
Enchanted Daycare (Learning Center and Kid's Campus)	Daycare and learning center	New Locate	24 / --		Gahanna
Grange Insurance	Auto, home, life, business and farm insurance company	Retention	-- / 110		Gahanna
Heartland Bank	Bank branch office	Retention	-- / 80		Gahanna

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Hexion Specialty Chemicals	The world's largest producer of binder, adhesive, coating and ink resins for industrial applications	New Locate	42 / --	Gahanna
Intechra	An information technology asset disposition company	Retention & Expansion	100 / 121	Gahanna
Kahiki	Asian food manufacturer	Retention	-- / 52	Gahanna
KMH LeaseCo	Lessor of heavy manufacturing equipment	New Locate	6 / --	Gahanna
Leggette Brashears & Graham, Inc	Consulting firm specializing in hydrogeology	Retention	-- / 3	Gahanna
ManPower	Employment services company	New Locate	9 / --	Gahanna
MedAssist	Provider of outsource receivable management to healthcare companies	Retention	-- / 80	Gahanna
Mid-State Sales	Manufacturer of hydraulic tube assemblies	Retention	-- / 50	Gahanna
Minuteman Press Inc	Printer	Retention	-- / 2	Gahanna
NAI Ohio Equities	Commercial realtor	Retention	-- / 100	Gahanna
National City	Bank branch office	New Locate	7 / --	Gahanna
Odyssey HealthCare	Hospice care provider	New Locate	15 / --	Gahanna
Ohio Aggregates and Minerals	Trade association representing Ohio's mining operations, except coal	Retention	-- / 3	Gahanna
Quick Stitch Plus	Full-service embroidery and screenprinting company	Retention	-- / 3	Gahanna
Roslovic Construction	Commercial construction company	New Locate	17 / --	Gahanna
Shred It	Commercial shredding company	New Locate	35 / --	Gahanna
Titan Electric, Kone, JCS Investments	Office space	New Locate	92 / --	Gahanna
Vector Security	Electronic security company	New Locate	12 / --	Gahanna
Whirlpool Corp.	Appliance distributor	New Locate	60 / --	Groveport
Anchor Hocking	Manufacturer of glassware	Expansion	100 / 1000	Lancaster
Diamond Power International	Manufacturer of boiler cleaning and ash handling products	Expansion	25 / --	Lancaster
Fox Plumbing and Radiant	Plumbing and mechanical services company	New Locate	35 / 12	Lancaster
Global Contact Services	Provider of integrated customer care solutions for major corporations throughout the U.S.	New Locate	220 / --	Lancaster
ICT Group	Independent multinational provider of call center teleservices for sales, marketing & customer care	New Locate	150 / 50	Lancaster
Mondi Packaging	Manufacturer of industrial paper	Expansion	35 / --	Lancaster
Stanley Electric Inc.	Manufacturer of light systems for Honda	Expansion	-- / --	London, Ohio
Cardington Yukata Technologies Inc.	Manufacturer of auto parts	Expansion	50 / 600	Morrow County
Abercrombie & Fitch	International headquarters for specialty clothing retailer	Expansion	350 / --	New Albany
American Electric Power	Electric utility	New Locate	120 / --	New Albany
Commercial Vehicle Group	International commercial truck cab engineering and design company	Expansion & Retention	25 / 90	New Albany

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Tween Brands	International headquarters for specialty clothing retailer	Expansion & Retention	130 / 370	New Albany
Water's Edge at New Albany	Speculative office project	New Locate	400 / --	New Albany
First Federal Community Bank	Bank branch office	New Locate	20 / --	Union County
Honda of America Safe & Secure	Honda Automotive	Expansion	-- / 10000	Union County
Honda R & D Design Room	Automotive research arm of Honda of America Mfg.	Expansion	-- / 1000	Union County
Irth Solutions, Inc.	Provider of web-based locational services for underground utilities	Expansion	10 / 20	Upper Arlington
National Church Residences	National developer and property manager of elderly and low- to moderate-income housing	Expansion	45 / --	Upper Arlington
Tech Resources, Inc.	Internet-based customer service support company for power companies	Expansion	7 / 12	Upper Arlington

Note: Information contained in this document was obtained from economic development professionals and developers. This is a comprehensive, but not complete list. The Columbus Chamber is not responsible for its accuracy and omissions.

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- *Demographic, wage and economic data*
- *Incentives and business tax information*
- *Key contacts and introductions*
- *Community tours / site visits*

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