

# Randolph County Developments

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## Lancaster, Inc. Expanding

Lancaster, Inc. recently [announced](#) that it will expand its operations in Archdale. As Lancaster continues to see impressive growth in sales of its high-end upholstered furniture, the company has outgrown its 18,000 square-foot facility and will build a new \$5 million, 60,000 square-foot facility on a nearby site. Working closely with the City of Archdale, Randolph County, and Randolph EDC, Lancaster was offered incentives of up to \$120,700 over five years to encourage them to remain in Randolph County. Owner Bill Lancaster stated, “The support from the City of Archdale and Randolph County was a predominant factor in our decision to remain in this area.” With this announcement, Lancaster will retain all 25 of its full-time employees and will create at least 27 new jobs over 5 years, with an average salary of \$46,000. We are excited to see our local industries growing, and demonstrating the ability to do so right here in Randolph County. Learn more about Lancaster by visiting the company’s [website](#).



*Architectural rendering of new facility provided by Lancaster, Inc.*

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## Business News & Announcements



We would like to congratulate the following EDC Partnership members for being [named](#) to the Triad Business Journal’s 2022 Fast 50 list: Samet Corp. (#3), Graham Personnel Services (#9), Fourth Elm Construction (#31), and Engineered Steel Products (#47). The Fast 50 list recognizes the fastest-growing companies in the Triad. To qualify, companies must be headquartered in the Triad, have completed three fiscal years, and report at least \$2 million in revenue.



**Origin USA**, headquartered in Farmington Maine, has recently [acquired](#) Asheboro-based **Wells Apparel** and **Fox Apparel**. Origin North Carolina currently employs 300 team members with plans to grow to 500 over the next two years. Origin makes a variety of apparel items including hunting and fishing clothing, work boots, blue jeans, and jiu-jitsu gis. For more information about Origin, visit [www.originmaine.com](http://www.originmaine.com).



**PEMMCO Manufacturing** has been awarded a \$100,000 Building Reuse Grant from the NC Dept. of Commerce. The award will allow PEMMCO to update their current building with new electrical, HVAC, and compressed air systems to accommodate new equipment. New equipment will increase capacity and lead to the creation of 18 new jobs, all paying above the county average wage.

Total investment in the project will exceed \$1.7 million. The EDC is proud to have assisted PEMMCO in its application for the grant and is excited to see another local business continuing to grow right at home. PEMMCO is a precision machine shop serving a variety of industry sectors. For more information, visit [www.pemmcomfg.com](http://www.pemmcomfg.com).



Toyota recently [announced](#) \$1 million in donations to boost workforce readiness and expand STEAM education in the Piedmont Triad. The donation is broken in two, with \$500,000 going to Communities in Schools of Randolph County (CISRC), and the remaining \$500,000 going to North Carolina A&T University. CISRC Executive Director Paula Owens highlighted the impact of the donation stating, “This gift will enable us to serve more youth in our community with wrap-around services in partnership with our local school systems and equip us to launch a new program, Jobs For North Carolina Graduates, providing specialized instruction and experiences to support increased graduation rates and employability for our students.”

## Industry Appreciation Month Recap



October was our second annual Industry Appreciation Month, and we had a fun and engaging month celebrating our local industries. Early in the month, we hosted our Forklift Rodeo, which was a great time for all who attended. Drivers competed in a timed obstacle course including challenges such as balancing a basketball on top of pallets, moving a bucket of water and placing it down in a precise location, and various other challenging maneuvers. Ten drivers representing industrial companies across Randolph County competed for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies and bragging rights while company representatives cheered their drivers on. A special thanks goes to Hughes Furniture for hosting the event. We’d like to congratulate our

winners: **1<sup>st</sup> place** Rudy Estrada – Ultracraft, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** Daniel Coble – Metals USA, **3<sup>rd</sup> place** Jordan Leipold - Hughes Furniture.

Our next Industry Appreciation Month event involved tours of Carolina Bronze Sculpture and Metals USA. We'd like to thank both companies for providing great hospitality to attendees. It is always fascinating to see the intricate, behind-the-scenes work that goes on in our local industries.



Our final event was an Industry Appreciation Luncheon where we honored thirty-four companies celebrating 5-year milestone anniversaries of doing business in Randolph County. Anniversaries spanned from 15 years to Bossong Hosiery's 95 years. Companies celebrating milestones represented 1,060 combined years of operation and nearly 2,000 jobs.

To cap off the Industry Appreciation Luncheon, we honored Jowat Corporation as the recipient of our 2022 RCEDC Outstanding Industry Award. Applications were reviewed based on positive community impact, community involvement, business performance, and standard of conduct. Achim Baker, Jowat's Chief Officer of Finance, IT, and Manufacturing accepted the award. We thank Jowat for their continued commitment to Randolph County.



EDC Board Chair Bob Crumley presents the Outstanding Industry Award to Jowat's Achim Becker.



Representatives from the following companies participated in the Industry Appreciation Luncheon: (left to right) Vesture Corporation, Asheboro Recycling Center, Bossong Hosiery, Stickley Fine Upholstery, Randolph Packing, Trotters Sewing Company, May Furniture, Phoenix Precision Machining, and Jowat Corporation.

## Randolph EDC News

EDC president Kevin Franklin was recently [recognized](#) as one of Triad Business Journal's 2022 Power Players. The list includes leaders across the Piedmont Triad and across sectors, including university leaders, developers, bankers, corporate leaders and more. TBJ lists leaders based on an individual's efforts that "can dynamically change this regions trajectory." The EDC is incredibly proud of Franklin's leadership and tireless effort to promote Randolph County.

The EDC continues to engage in marketing and product development efforts to increase awareness of the EDC's work and to position the county to capture increased project activity. On the marketing side you may have seen our ad on the digital billboard downtown located on the Honeycutt Accounting building on South Fayetteville St. We are running ads on the digital billboard through December. We also published an informative article and ad in the Asheboro Hub describing the EDC's work. Check out the article [here](#).

We have multiple irons in the fire, so to speak, regarding product development. We would like to highlight the work that has been done on the Eden Terrace property. In partnership with The City of Archdale, Randolph County, and Samet Corporation, due diligence has been completed on the entire site. On the northern portion of the site, civil, architectural, and structural engineering design has been completed for a 117,000SF shell building which offers the potential to expand by another 117,000SF. By completing due diligence and design work, a client timeline is expedited on the site. Such efforts put Randolph County in a great position to capitalize on increased project activity. Samet Corp. has produced a video demonstrating the future shell building and possible expansion; the video can be viewed [here](#).



# EDC Partnership News

The Randolph County Partnership is the member organization of the EDC. Through annual dues, our members invest in economic development in Randolph County by supporting marketing, recruitment, existing business and industry services, and industrial product development. Partner members are [listed on the EDC website](#), included in existing business and industry directories, and they benefit from services and referrals from the EDC.

We'd like to recognize and welcome our newest Partnership member, **Toyota Battery Manufacturing North Carolina**, which has joined at the Gold level. Once operational, TBMNC will produce batteries for hybrid electric and battery electric vehicles.

We greatly appreciate recent **Partnership renewals** by the companies listed below. We currently have 118 [private sector members](#) and would welcome new partners. Please direct membership inquiries to Lisa Bennett at 336-626-2233 or [lbennett@rcedc.com](mailto:lbennett@rcedc.com).

## Diamond (\$2,500)

North Carolina Railroad  
Klaussner Home Furnishings

## Platinum (\$1,500)

Ultracraft

## Gold (\$1,000)

ECS Southeast, LLP  
Environmental Air Systems LLC  
RubberMill, Inc.  
The Timken Company  
Waste Management  
Pallet Express, Inc.

## Silver (\$500)

Chandler Concrete Company, Inc  
Landmark Builders  
Liberty Trailers  
MAS Acme USA  
Randolph Community College  
Triad Design Group  
S&ME, Inc.  
Truist  
Uwharrie Builders

## Bronze (\$250)

Davis Martin Powell & Associates, Inc.  
Deep River Fabricators, Inc.  
Engineered Steel Products, LLC  
Express Employment Professionals  
James River Equipment Co.  
Kirkland Inc.  
North State  
Shelco, LLC  
The Wooten Company  
Randolph County School System  
Sam's Marine International  
Wayne Industries, Inc.

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