

## **Two Companies Announce Expansions in Rutherford County**

## Amazon - Here We Grow Again

In August, Amazon Logistics announced a new delivery station in La Vergne. But their expansion plans didn't stop there. A new sort center is now on track to open for business in November when the company will welcome 1,100 new associates into the 256,000 square-foot building.

"La Vergne continues to show that its business-friendly policies and low taxes attract global leaders to the city," said La Vergne Mayor Jason Cole. "With our diverse workforce and interstate access, La Vergne is proud to welcome Amazon's newest sorting center to Middle Tennessee."

This sort center will sort packages before being transferred to a delivery station or last-mile delivery partner for final delivery for customers. The sort center is hiring new full-time and part-time associate jobs, all paying at least \$15.00 per hour. For more information about open positions, visit amazon.force.com/.

## Vi-Jon Expands in Smyrna

Vi-Jon, the personal care products manufacturer known for its flagship brand Germ-X hand sanitizer, said it will add 400 new jobs and invest \$70 million to expand capacity at its Smyrna, Tennessee, and St. Louis facilities.

"Vi-Jon is a great community partner and an example of the economic vibrancy of our community," noted Smyrna Mayor Mary Esther Reed. "We are grateful for their announcement of an investment of over \$35 million and 200 new jobs at the Smyrna facility."

Greg Billhartz, president and chief strategy officer for the company, said in a statement that more than half the investments are expected to occur at the Smyrna facility. He said that was "given the available space and relative size of the company's manufacturing facilities and anticipated product mix."

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