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Two Local Companies Plan Expansions

- Mobile Area Chamber assists two local companies with expansion plans
- Combined, Jones Welding and SpillTech will invest nearly \$13.5 million and hire as a result



[Mobile, Ala., 05.20.2020] **Jones Welding Co. (JWC)** and **SpillTech** are making plans to expand operations. The two Mobile-based companies are making capital investments that combined total nearly \$13.5 million with estimates of adding another dozen-plus jobs over the next three years.

The **Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce** is the economic developer for the City of Mobile and Mobile County, working with area companies to keep jobs in our community and add new ones.

“Both Jones Welding and SpillTech are two strong companies that call Mobile home. Their investments show a continued commitment to our area, and the people who work with them,” says **Shelby Glover Zaricor**, the Chamber’s director of business development.

Jones Welding Co.

Roy Parker, JWC president, says he wants to expand the capabilities of his family-owned business, not just by volume but by the physical size and complexity of projects. Jones Welding Co. specializes in repair of industrial equipment and is one of the largest and longest-running businesses of its kind in the South, founded in 1911. The company employs 37 people.

With an \$8.5 million investment, primarily in equipment, the company plans to hire 10 employees as a result. “In today’s machine shop environment you either make technological advancements or you become obsolete,” says Parker. “In the acquisition of more modern and sophisticated equipment we will need more floor space and more highly trained employees.”

JWC is also expanding its footprint, maxing out its current facility and spilling into a location close by on 17 acres in Prichard where it will construct a new building.

SpillTech

In its second expansion announcement of 2020, SpillTech’s latest investment is \$4.98 million with the planned expenditures primarily for new equipment and will add eight jobs over time. The company’s January announcement also added equipment to its operations.

The manufacturer of polypropylene mats for absorbing fluid leaks, drips and spills, continues to grow, say officials, and the new equipment will “help increase capacity and meet both current and future projected demand.”

SpillTech reaches a global customer-base, with the majority found in the U.S. along with Canada, the Middle East, Netherlands and United Kingdom. The company currently has 75 employees in Mobile.

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About the Mobile Area Chamber's Economic Development Efforts

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with more than 1,800 members, and the economic developer of record for the city of Mobile and Mobile County. Thanks to the support of the Chamber's Partners for Growth public and private investors, over the last decade Mobile's economic development efforts created 8,488 new jobs and retained 541 more. Capital investments topped \$3.9 billion, including 31 new businesses recruited and 55 expansion projects at existing area companies. Additional information is on the Chamber’s [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).