



# Quarterly News

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## BCU Congratulates Ford for Choosing Calhoun County for its New Battery Plant

Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) applauds the Ford Motor Co.'s decision to build its next battery manufacturing facility on the Marshall Mega Site, located in Calhoun County, Michigan. Ford made its announcement at a press conference at Ion Park, its global center of excellence for battery development in Romulus, Michigan on February 13.

Choose Marshall, the City of Marshall, Marshall Township, Calhoun County, the City of Battle Creek, and the many other organizations that have worked tirelessly for the last several years to market this property.

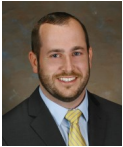


*Ford Executive Chairman Bill Ford announces a \$3.5 billion investment plan for a lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery plant in Marshall.*

Ford is expected to invest \$3.5 billion in the new facility, which will produce lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries for electric vehicles. The new facility, to be known as the BlueOval Battery Park Michigan, will create 2,500 new jobs.

BCU also commends the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC), the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance (MEDA),

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## From the President's Desk

By Joe Sobieralski  
President & CEO

As we put the finishing touches on the latest BCU Newsletter, I am struck by how fast time flies, especially when you are busy. Hard to believe that March is already upon us.

In December, Vice President Robert Corder and I traveled to Washington, DC to meet with our Congressional delegations. We spent a day on Capital Hill and had meetings with Sen. Gary Peters and Rep. Bill Huizenga, as well as staff from Sen. Stabenow's office. Day two was spent at the Pentagon, where we met with officials from the Air Force and National Guard.

In January, Robert and I attended the Battle Creek Japan Club's Shinenkai, or New Year Party. Robert and our Japan Consultant Ken Masumoto also represented BCU at the Japan Business Society of Detroit's New Year Party in Novi. Both events had been put on

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## BCU Acquires TreeHouse Site

In December, BCU closed on the former TreeHouse Foods facility, located at 150 S. McCamly Street. The property was donated by New Mill Capital, of Calabasas, California. The property comprises 18 acres with 18 structures, including the 300,000-SF cereal plant.

Cereal production began at the site in 1901 at the Cero-Fruto Food Co. Ralston-Purina purchased the property in 1927 when it was known as the Mapl-Flake Mills. The facility was expanded in 1960. The property was bought by ConAgra in 2013, who then sold it to

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## BCU's Joe Sobieralski Receives 40 Under 40 Award

BCU President & CEO Joe Sobieralski was honored recently as a recipient of the 2023 Economic Development 40 Under 40 Award, the biennial award recognizing rising stars under 40 years old in the economic development industry. Award winners were announced at a reception held in conjunction with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) 2023 Leadership Summit in Tucson, Arizona.

The awards program is hosted by Development Counsellors International (DCI), a New York-based integrated marketing firm

that works with economic development and travel organizations around the globe, and Jorgenson Consulting, a leading national executive search firm serving organizations in non-profit, economic, and community development industries. An independent selection committee of six economic development leaders and site selection consultants evaluated nominations based on demonstration of strong leadership, commitment, and innovation every day in the workplace.

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## BCU Adds New Staff

BCU is excited to announce the addition of Heather Ignash and Gabriela Perez-Hernandez to its team.

Heather will serve as an Economic Development Specialist and will further BCU's efforts in business retention, expansion, and workforce development. She brings a wealth of experience in workforce development and human resources to BCU. Most recently, Heather served as the Business Services Coordinator for Michigan Works! Southwest, based at the W.E. Upjohn Institute. While at Michigan Works, Heather worked with employers on issues related to staffing and training, and was responsible for administering training grant programs from roll-out through completion.

Gabriela joins BCU as the Director of the Food Reimagined program, an initiative to foster emerging food & beverage companies in Battle Creek. Gabriela will be tasked with crafting the strategy to launch and scale the program. She will lead in the marketing of the initiative and recruitment of companies to Battle Creek and provide technical support to companies as they scale their business. The Food Reimagined initiative is being funded in part by the U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA), which awarded BCU two grants totaling \$522,000 in 2022. A food scientist by training, Gabriela comes to BCU after more than 17 years at the Kellogg Company where she most recently worked on developing external partnerships.

BCU President & CEO Joe Sobieralski said, "Heather and Gabriela are great additions to BCU. They each bring a lot of experience and talent to the team. Most importantly, they add capacity to the organization and will help us as push ahead. This is a great start to the new year!"



Heather Ignash (above left) and Gabriela Perez-Hernandez (right) joined BCU in February.

## BCU Announces Changes to its Board of Directors

BCU is pleased to announce several changes to its Board of Directors. In December, we bid farewell to Toshiya Kawashima of DENSO who returned to Japan. Mr. Kawashima will be stationed in Japan's Tohoku region, where he will manage DENSO's Fukushima facility.

Joining the board will be Mike Way, Senior Vice President, Supply Chain, Facilities & Real Estate, Bronson Health; Neal Graziano, Director of Investments, W.K. Kellogg Foundation; and Frank Tecumseh, CEO, FireKeepers Casino Hotel.

We congratulate Mr. Kawashima on his new position and appreciate his service during his tenure in Battle Creek. We look forward to working with Mr. Way, Mr. Graziano, and Mr. Tecumseh.

## Sidney Adams, Jr. (1932-2022)



Sidney Adams Jr. sadly passed away in late December. Sid was a dedicated public servant who had an indelible impact on Battle Creek. He was one of the founding members of the BCU Board of Directors and served on the board for 25 years. He also served on the Battle Creek Community Foundation Board, the Battle Creek Executive Airport Advisory Board and the WMU Aviation Advisory Board. In 2001, Sid was appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, a position he held for eleven years, including 3 years as chair. Sid was interred Fort Custer National Cemetery. BCU extends its condolences to Sid's family.

## Save the Date: Thursday, April 27 - BCU Economic Update

BCU will host its annual Economic Update on Thursday, April 27. The event will be held at the Kellogg Arena in downtown Battle Creek. Doors will open at 7:30 AM, with the program scheduled to begin at 8:00 AM. Breakfast will be provided by FireKeepers.

This will be BCU's first in-person update since 2020. The BCU team has been very busy the past few years and there is a lot to talk about. BCU will report on the results of its 5-year strategic plan as well

as Battle Creek's overall economic health. MEDC President Quentin Messer will join the event, as well several other local leaders.

The event is open to the public. Tickets for the event are \$20. More details about the agenda and registration will be announced soon.



## BCU Wins Christmas!

Battle Creek Unlimited won the Sweepstakes Award at the Harper Creek Optimists Club's annual Christmas Parade, held on Saturday, December 10. The award recognizes the best commercial entry of the interpretation of the theme, which was "Lights on Battle Creek." BCU partnered with Handmap Brewing on its float, titled "A Classic Christmas."

Congratulations to the Optimists Club for a successful event. The Christmas parade has been a Battle Creek tradition for more than 40 years, and coincides with the start of the

International Festival of Lights. While severe weather caused the parade to be postponed, the parade was a huge hit. A good crowd braved the cold and enjoyed 96 entries, with many spectacularly decorated floats.

Special thanks go to Schweitzer Construction for lending their hay wagon to BCU, to the team at Pioneer Construction for their help building the float, and to the Sobieralski family of Niles for lending BCU the use of their fully-restored Oliver tractor. Count on BCU to have a float again in 2023.





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“The purpose-driven work of economic development plays a vital role in communities around the world, and much of it is led by young professionals,” said Julie Curtin, President of DCI’s economic development practice. “These 40 rising stars are contributing their creativity, dedication, and leadership to make a tremendous impact in their communities and our industry as a whole, and I so look forward to what lies ahead in their careers.”

Sobieralski remarked, “I am honored to receive this award. It is a testament to everyone on the BCU team, our Board of Directors, and our community partners near and far who support our efforts. We have accomplished a great deal in the past few years and even bigger things are on the horizon.”

“The economic development industry continues to evolve and these rising leaders are stepping up to the challenge,” said Todd Jorgenson, Managing Director and Principal of Jorgenson Consulting. “Congratulations to these 40 winners – and to the communities that are lucky to benefit from their expertise.”

Erick Stewart, Chair of the BCU Board of Directors, said, “On behalf of the BCU Board and its affiliated entities, we would like to convey our sincere gratitude and appreciation to DCI and Jorgenson Consulting for honoring Joe. Battle Creek is fortunate to have such a dynamic and forward-thinking economic development leader. This award is well deserved and speaks to Joe’s commitment to make everything that he is involved in ‘world-class.’ Joe always comes to the table with solutions that create meaningful outcomes and growth for our region. As we celebrate this achievement, we are grateful that under his leadership, Battle Creek is positioned for continued prosperity and growth well into the future.”

Sobieralski joined BCU as a Vice President in December 2015 and was named President & CEO in November 2016. He oversees all aspects of BCU’s operations including domestic and international economic development and its strategic plan for positioning Battle Creek as the premier location for businesses to develop, expand, and relocate utilizing the unique asset of the Fort Custer Industrial Park. Focusing on generating investment and job growth, Sobieralski works closely with the City of

Battle Creek, the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), local community stakeholders, and business owners to achieve these goals. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University and a Master of Public Administration from Western Michigan University.

For more information on the 40 Under 40 awards program and this year’s winners, visit [econdev40under40.com](http://econdev40under40.com).



BCU President & CEO Joe Sobieralski poses with his 40 Under 40 award in Tucson.

## New Holland Brewing Prepares to Open

The wait is almost over! New Holland Brewing’s new space in downtown Battle Creek is slated to open at the end of March. Construction workers are wrapping up renovations and the company has begun hiring staff.

The project began in December 2017 when BCU announced a request for proposals for several downtown buildings. BCU also announced a \$200,000 incentive for a new brewery/distillery. New Holland President and Founder Brett VanderKamp announced the company’s intent to convert a former J.C.

Penney building into a restaurant, brewery and distillery in April 2018. The renovated space will include an all-weather beer garden, complete with radiant heaters, outdoor walk-up bar, fire pit, yard games, TVs, and a stage.

The Holland-based brewer hopes to hire more than 70 people for its location on Michigan Avenue, including bartenders, servers, line cooks, and dishwashers.

VanderKamp said, “What we see in Battle Creek is a community investing millions of dollars into the infrastructure. The city has a

tremendous group of champions through non-profit groups and long-standing businesses. They just need a little help bringing a sense of place. There are some good starts, but we need to add some variety and alternative spaces where people can get together, socialize and talk to one another.”

Look for more details about their grand opening to be announced soon. A complete list of open jobs is available here: [newhollandbrew.com/careers](http://newhollandbrew.com/careers).



The scaffolding and construction wrap will soon come down at New Holland Brewing on Michigan Avenue in downtown Battle Creek.

## Battle Creek's 110th Wing Earns Two Air Force Unit Awards

By Capt. Andrew Layton, 110th Wing

The Michigan Air National Guard's 110th Wing, stationed at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, recently received two prestigious Air Force unit awards: the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award. These recognize the Wing's exceptionally meritorious service and outstanding achievement between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021. Receiving two Air Force-level unit awards of this caliber within a two-year timeframe is an unprecedented feat in the unit's 75-year history.

The awards honor the 110th Wing's support for combat missions in multiple theaters of operation by its remote MQ-9 operations group, while simultaneously activating more than 100 of its members for domestic missions supporting Michigan residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the 110th Wing activated and deployed approximately 40 members on short notice to care for the evacuation of Afghan travelers during Operation Allies Refuge and Operation Allies Welcome in late 2021.

"These awards are a great honor, but they

come as no surprise," said Col. Daniel Kramer II, 110th Wing Commander. "I could not be prouder of the way Battle Creek Airmen always rise to the occasion and perform beyond expectation when our nation needs them most."

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is awarded by the Secretary of the Air Force to numbered units that have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. Since its formation in 1947, the 110th Wing has earned the award eight times, most recently in 2017.

The Air Force Meritorious Unit Award is presented to Air Force units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievement or service in direct support of combat operations against an armed enemy of the U.S. on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is the first time the 110th Wing has directly received this honor.

The 110th Wing was led by Col. Shawn Holtz from June 2019 until Kramer took command in June 2022. It was also recently announced that the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th

Wing, stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan has received the Air Force Meritorious Unit award for the period of April 1 – December 31, 2021.

"This recognition for the Michigan Air National Guard speaks directly to the professionalism and excellence of each and every member of this elite team," said Holtz, who now serves as Deputy Commander of the Michigan Air National Guard at the Michigan National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters in Lansing. "These awards are proof that our Michigan Airmen are not only busier than ever: they're delivering the right support at the right time to further our national security in very meaningful ways."



*The 110th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard*

## Watkins Road Project Wins Project of the Year Award

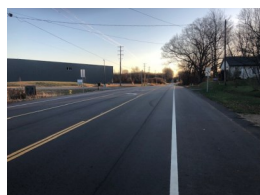
In December, the Watkins Road improvement project received the Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association's Southwest Michigan Chapter. The project was recognized in the category of "Governmental Cooperation Greater than \$1 Million."

The road from Mercury Drive to the CN train tracks was widened and repaved, almost two thirds of a mile. New turn lanes were also added at the intersection. Project funding was provided by the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority (BCTIFA), which is

administered by BCU. The project wrapped up in November.

The repaved road will support the spec buildings being developed along Watkins Road by Industrial Partners USA. The first building was completed in 2022 and is fully leased out. Phase 2 of the development is being planned now.

Congrats to all who worked on the project, including the City's Department of Public Works, general contractor Hunter-Prell, and engineering firm Wightman.



*Above left: Representatives from the Battle Creek DPW team pose with their Project of the Year Award in December. Right: the repaved and widened Watkins Road.*

## Round 1 of Going PRO Talent Fund Awards Announced

In late January, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) announced the first round of awards for the Going PRO Talent Fund. In total, LEO awarded more than \$47 million in training funds to organizations across the state.

Organizations in the Michigan Works! Southwest region, which serves the Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties, received a total of \$3,184,957. In Calhoun County, thirteen organizations applied for funding: four were selected for an award, with a fifth pending. Awardees include BASF, DENSO, Duncan Aviation, and Integrated Health Partners.

The Going PRO Talent Fund makes awards to employers to assist in training, developing, and retaining current and newly



hired employees. Training funded by Going PRO must be short-term and fill a demonstrated talent need experienced by the employer. Training must lead to a credential for a skill that is transferable and recognized by industry.

The first application cycle for Going PRO for FY 2023 closed in December 2022. A second application period will open late spring 2023. Applications for Industry-Led Collaboratives will open March 2023.

For more information, contact Ashley Iovieno at Michigan Works! Southwest at [iovieno@upjohn.org](mailto:iovieno@upjohn.org) or visit the [Going PRO Talent Fund](https://www.goingpro.org) website.



## Company Spotlight: Bleistahl North America

BCU recently spoke with Anthony Tuthill, Managing Director at Bleistahl North American LP, an automotive parts supplier in the Fort Custer Industrial Park. The company produces high temp powder metal valve train components for internal combustion engines.

Bleistahl's parent company in Wetter, Germany has been producing valve seat inserts and valve guides since 1954. Its customers include companies like Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler, as well as some specialty companies engaged in racing and recreational vehicles. In addition to facilities in Germany and Michigan, the company has operations in Brazil, China and South Africa.

Anthony explained that since coming to Battle Creek in 2013, Bleistahl has

experienced tremendous growth, growing from 10 million parts produced in the first year to 90 million parts annually today. He said the company expects to grow to 110 million parts annually within the next couple of years. The company has expanded recently, adding new equipment and adding jobs as well as an additional shift. The Battle Creek facility currently has 115 employees; Bleistahl employs approximately 1,500 people worldwide.

Anthony stated that part of what brought the company to Battle Creek was the benefit of being in the Fort Custer Industrial Park as well as Battle Creek's talent pool. Bleistahl has partnered with the Manufacturing Consortium and BCU to tap into that pool further by participating in events such as Manufacturing Day. At last year's event,

Bleistahl representatives were able to connect with over 600 students from local area high schools. Anthony said that having the Consortium as a network of peers to exchange ideas and best practices has been a great benefit to Bleistahl. He was optimistic about the future, and said they are looking at expanding into new markets with new technologies, something he looks forward to bringing to Battle Creek.



*Bleistahl at the recent 2022 Manufacturing Day event.*

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The Marshall Mega Site is strategically located between I-94 and I-69, approximately 10 miles from downtown Battle Creek.

The BlueOval Battery Park Michigan will be owned and operated by Ford, with technical support from Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL). Based in China, CATL is the world's largest manufacturer of lithium-ion batteries for EVs and operates manufacturing plants in Europe and Asia. The factory will be the first in the U.S. to produce LFP batteries, which Ford said will make EVs more affordable. Ford plans to start offering LFP batteries supplied by CATL on the Mustang Mach-E this year and F-150 Lightning in 2024.

The MEDC estimates that the BlueOval Battery Park Michigan facility will have a multiplier impact of 4.38, meaning that for every job created by Ford, an additional 3.38 jobs will be created in Michigan. This is expected to result in more than \$29.7 billion in personal income over 20 years, which in turn will create significant opportunities for local businesses.

BCU President & CEO Joe Sobieralski said, "This investment has the potential to attract thousands of new residents and ancillary investments to the region, which would increase property tax revenues and income tax revenues. The revenue will support public safety, schools, and other high priority local initiatives. We applaud the leadership of Governor Whitmer, the state legislature, and the MEDC for establishing the SOAR fund, a bipartisan game-changing fund for economic development and the State of Michigan. BCU will continue to advocate to the State of Michigan and the MEDC to continue to evolve the SOAR fund to be utilized by regions for community development needs where these mega projects land throughout the state."

The Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) approved a package of incentives totaling \$1 billion. This includes a performance-based grant of up to \$210 million, which is based on hiring benchmarks. The MSF also approved a \$36 million loan to local economic developers for land acquisition and infrastructure improvements as well as a 15-year renaissance zone designation, with an estimated value of \$722 million. Under the

MSF agreement, Ford is committed to construction of 2.5-million square feet of manufacturing space by March 31, 2027.

As part of the project, Ford will put 245 acres at the southern edge of the site into a conservation easement. This land, along the Kalamazoo River, will be preserved and protected against future industrial development. Ford will work with local community leaders to preserve natural resources near the facility and the Ford Fund will contribute support to help the community explore options for the land.

BCU recognizes the transformative impact which Ford's investment in Calhoun County will have. Looking ahead, BCU will accelerate its community development efforts to support this project and position Battle Creek for future prosperity. BCU looks forward to working with local partners including the MEDC, MAEDA, the City of Marshall, Calhoun County, Michigan Works! Southwest, and Kellogg Community College and many others to support these efforts. BCU is also committed to working with local employers in Battle Creek to ensure that their needs are equally supported.

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TreeHouse in 2016 when it purchased ConAgra's Private Brands.

New Mill Capital purchased the property in February 2020, following TreeHouse's sale of its private label cereal business to Post Holdings. New Mill Capital buys and sells excess production equipment and real estate. The company expected to auction off more

than 2,000 pieces of equipment from the facility, including boilers, rotary cookers, dryers, boom lifts, forklifts, sifters, conveyors, and cereal milling machinery.

Located along concrete-lined Kalamazoo River, the property is a key piece of the city's river naturalization effort. In July 2022, BCU was awarded a \$13 million grant for the naturalization project.



*The TreeHouse Foods facility has 18 buildings on 18 acres.*

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hold for the past several years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Robert, Ken, and I were also honored to attend the Emperor's Birthday Reception, hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit on February 23.

The new year also brought some new faces to BCU. We added Heather Ignash and Gabriela Perez-Hernandez to our staff. In addition, we added three new members to the BCU Board of Directors.

Downtown, the McCamly Hotel project is accelerating. The majority of the exterior work is complete, along with all the major mechanicals. Phase 2 is now officially underway. This includes the interior build-out of the guestrooms, ballroom, and meeting spaces.

BCU staff are busy preparing for the Economic Update event. We are excited to once again host this event in person. It is scheduled for 8:00 AM on Thursday, April 27 at the Kellogg Arena. The event is open to everyone in the community. We last held the

event on February 18, 2020, right before the coronavirus outbreak. After three years, there is a lot to report on and we have a great program lined up. Look for information to be announced in the coming weeks.

Perhaps the biggest news recently was Ford's announcement that it would build its BlueOval Battery Park on the Marshall Mega Site. Ford said it will invest \$3.5 billion in the project and will employ 2,500 workers. The new facility will be built on 950 acres and is expected to have 2.5 million square feet of space. For comparison, DENSO's Battle Creek campus comprises 1.38 million square feet of manufacturing and warehouse space on approximately 100 acres.

I was fortunate to be in the audience at Ford's Ion Park when the announcement was made. This is a transformative project which will have a tremendous impact on not only Marshall but also on Battle Creek and Calhoun County. The shift in the automotive industry from internal combustion engines to electric vehicles has begun, and as the EV sector grows, there will be major impacts for automotive suppliers like those in Battle

Creek. BCU recognizes the challenges this shift presents, as well as the opportunities. We also understand the implications of the Ford announcement on the Battle Creek region. We will be working with our community partners to address the needs of existing employers while also positioning Battle Creek for growth.

Looking ahead, BCU will wrap up its 2018-2023 strategic plan and turn its focus to the future. We will continue to focus on attracting investment and creating jobs in Battle Creek while also ramping up our efforts to improve the city's vibrancy, especially in downtown. Here's to a great 2023!

Joe Sobieralski at the podium at Pentagon in December.



## Capital/Beckley Road Work In 2023

From the City's Department of Public Works



The city is preparing for the coming construction season, and some big projects are planned for Capital Avenue and the Capital/Beckley Road area.

The City will communicate project updates via text and/or email. Projects to be included in these updates will span from spring to fall of 2023:

- A water main replacement on Beckley Road
- An MDOT bridge replacement on Capital

SW over I-94

- Interchange reconstruction at Capital/94 after the bridge reopens
- Capital SW paving planned for 2023

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We expect to have more information in the next month or two, and will provide updates throughout this construction season on all of this work.

We appreciate everyone's patience and attention. These projects will cause inconvenience and we are sorry for that. But the pain and inconvenience are temporary, and the projects will do a lot to improve our infrastructure for years to come.

If you travel through the Capital Avenue and Beckley Roads area frequently, we recommend planning alternate routes during construction. For example, consider using Columbia Avenue and M-66 to avoid road closures and delays.

## Contact BCU

Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) is focused on investment generation and job creation in Battle Creek, Michigan. BCU works closely with community partners to attract new companies to the Battle Creek region while also supporting the growth of existing companies. BCU was established in 1972 to develop the Fort Custer Industrial Park (FCIP), the largest industrial park in Michigan. Today the FCIP is home to nearly 90 companies, including 25 international organizations, which collectively employ more than 13,000 people. The FCIP covers more than 3,000 acres, with over 1,000 acres available for development, and offers convenient access to rail, air cargo, interstate and international trade highways as well as an international port of entry and a Foreign-Trade Zone.

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## Roundabout Update

Construction on the new roundabout at Skyline Drive and Hill Brady Road in the Fort Custer Industrial Park will begin in the spring. During construction, the intersection will remain open, however drivers should expect delays. The project is expected to be completed in November.

The roundabout will support the new entrance for the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base.

Construction on that project will also begin in 2023.

BCU will host an info session with the City's Department of Public Works to update companies in the industrial park on the construction schedule. Details will be announced soon. For more info, contact Bridgette Jones, BCU's Vice President of Operations at 269-441-1670 or at [jones@bcuunlimited.org](mailto:jones@bcuunlimited.org).