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*2022 Economic Development  
Projects & Announcements  
in the Metroplex:  
Relocations & Expansions*

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**Niagara Bottling:** *Lancaster, TX.* Niagara Bottling is opening a new bottling facility in Lancaster. The project is expected to create 70 full-time jobs with anticipated average annual wages of \$55,000.



**Panther Island:** *Fort Worth, TX.* Panther Island, a decades-long redevelopment and flood-control project that aims to create a riverwalk along the Trinity River, was approved for federal funding in 2022. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers developed construction plans that call for a \$403 million investment.

**Raytheon:** *McKinney, TX.* Raytheon's space and airborne division announced plans for a nearly 480,000-square-foot, expansion of their McKinney campus by 2025. The new facilities will include a series of buildings and a second intelligent manufacturing plant creating roughly 700 new jobs and investing \$216 million towards the growth of their "factory of the future."



**Aligned:** *Plano, TX.* Aligned is adding a new 36 MW data center dubbed DFW-02 adjacent to its existing 60 MW DFW-01 in Plano. The 220,000-square-foot DFW-02 was the latest multi-megawatt facility among the company's more than 400 MW new development plan for 2022.



**BMO**



**BMO Financial Group:** *Irving, TX.* The Canadian financial company BMO Financial Group, operating as BMO Harris Bank in the US is looking to add an additional 50 personnel in technology and operations roles at its Irving location. This would be an addition to its current 250-person workforce in North Texas.



**ELM:** *The Colony, TX.* ELM, an energy and utility service company, announced plans for a new headquarters and manufacturing facility for their MicroGrid and Solar Divisions in The Colony. At full capacity, this new facility will employ over 100 employees in the field ranging from engineering and production technicians to customer service representatives and management. This new facility marks a massive expansion of capacity for the company's MicroGrid division to nearly 200,000 square feet of production space.

**NTT:** *Garland, TX.* NTT, a leading provider of data center solutions, has announced plans to establish a new data center in Garland, adding to the company's existing presence in the region. The new facility will provide access to state-of-the-art services, including colocation, managed hosting, and cloud services. The company plans to invest approximately \$110 million in the project, which is scheduled to commence in November 2022 and conclude in January 2024.



**Integrated Defense Products:** *Rockwall, TX.* The Rockwall Economic Development Corporation has announced the relocation and new headquarter development of Integrated Defense Products. Upon completion of the build-out and ramping up of operations, the company plans to hire nearly 40 workers. About 25-30 of these employees are expected to be recruited from the local workforce.



**Texas Health Rockwall:** *Rockwall, TX.* An estimated \$92.3 million expansion and renovation at Texas Health Hospital Rockwall is nearly doubling the size of the hospital and bringing a Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), a Cardiac Catheterization Lab and an expanded Emergency Department to the growing North Texas community.

**Zobebe:** *Garland, TX.* Zobebe, a laundry product manufacturer with a facility in Garland, plans to expand their existing facility's footprint by nearly 50% and invest an additional \$30 million. The project is supported by Garland Economic Development and will lead to 150 new jobs being created at the site.



**CCIntegration Inc:** *Plano, TX.* CCIntegration, a woman-owned OEM integration company that operates within the computer server market, is set to open their new 50,000-square-foot headquarters facility in Plano. The company has partnerships with Dell, Lenovo, HPE, SuperMicro and Intel, many of which have a large existing presence in the wider Texas economy. In addition to serving as the company's new headquarters, the location will also provide space for engineering, warehousing, and product build out.



**Boingo Wireless:** *Frisco, TX.* Boingo Wireless, a global leader in the wireless network market, is relocating its corporate headquarters to Frisco in mid-2023. The company cited the availability of the top talent in the DFW region and existing partnerships with companies located here as potential strengths and synergies for the region. The relocation is expected to generate 250 new jobs and is supported by the state through an incentive grant.



**ExteNet System:** *Frisco, TX.* ExteNet, a Telecommunication Infrastructure company is relocating its headquarters from Illinois to Frisco. It can be termed as a strategic move as the company aims to be at the "center of the industry's ecosystem", including its partners and clients. The new 37,000-square-foot headquarters is expected to be completed by early 2023 and create 110 new jobs.

**Ulrich Medical USA:** *Plano, TX.* Germany headquartered Ulrich Medical USA Inc is relocating its US headquarters to Plano. The company's news release said that it was an "easy choice" since the state is business friendly. This move is also aimed at concentrating on the company's profitable growth in musculoskeletal implant technologies.



**Southwestern Scale Company:** *Fort Worth, TX.* To augment services and capability in Texas, Southwestern Scale Company Inc. has opened a new office for its industry and commercial-grade weighing scales.



**Caterpillar Inc:** *Irving, TX.* Caterpillar, one of the largest manufacturers of construction and mining equipment in the world, is relocating their global headquarters from Deerfield, Illinois to their existing office in Irving, which was previously home to the company's Electric Power division. This move will likely bring 230 new employees to the region, adding to the existing 120 workers already in the area – with talent being one of the largest considerations for the company's decision.



**Phoenix Stamping Group:** *Fort Worth, TX.* Phoenix Stamping, a metal fabrication business primarily serving the transportation and agricultural equipment markets, has opened a manufacturing facility in Fort Worth. This 80,000-square-foot facility will provide the company with additional capacity in their metal stamping, fabrication, and other assembly practices.



**Allegro MicroSystems:** *Richardson, TX.* Allegro MicroSystems intends to open a new office in Richardson's Innovation Quarter. Allegro cited concentration of similar businesses and the UT Dallas pipeline as the key site selection factors for the new location. The company is a global leader in power and sensing solutions for motion control and energy-efficient systems.



**StadiumDrop:** *McKinney, TX.* StadiumDrop, a food delivery app focused on serving customers within event and sports stadiums across several states, received a \$50,000 grant from the McKinney Economic Development Corporation to relocate their headquarters to Serendipity Labs.

**GKN Aerospace:** *Frisco, TX.* GKN Aerospace will relocate its manufacturing center of excellence to the Lone Star Commerce Center in Fort Worth. The 100,000-square-foot facility will be renovated to include office space and equipment for their research and development of laser metal deposition for titanium aerostructures. When operational, the 100-person facility will be provided grant funding through the City of Fort Worth for their research investment.



**Morgan Steel:** *Plano, TX.* After being purchased by Morgan Steel, a carbon steel distributor, the former Woodgrain building in Greenville has begun undergoing renovations as part of the company's plans to better access their existing customer base. The facility is expected to be fully operational by Q3 2023 and employ over 110 new jobs.

