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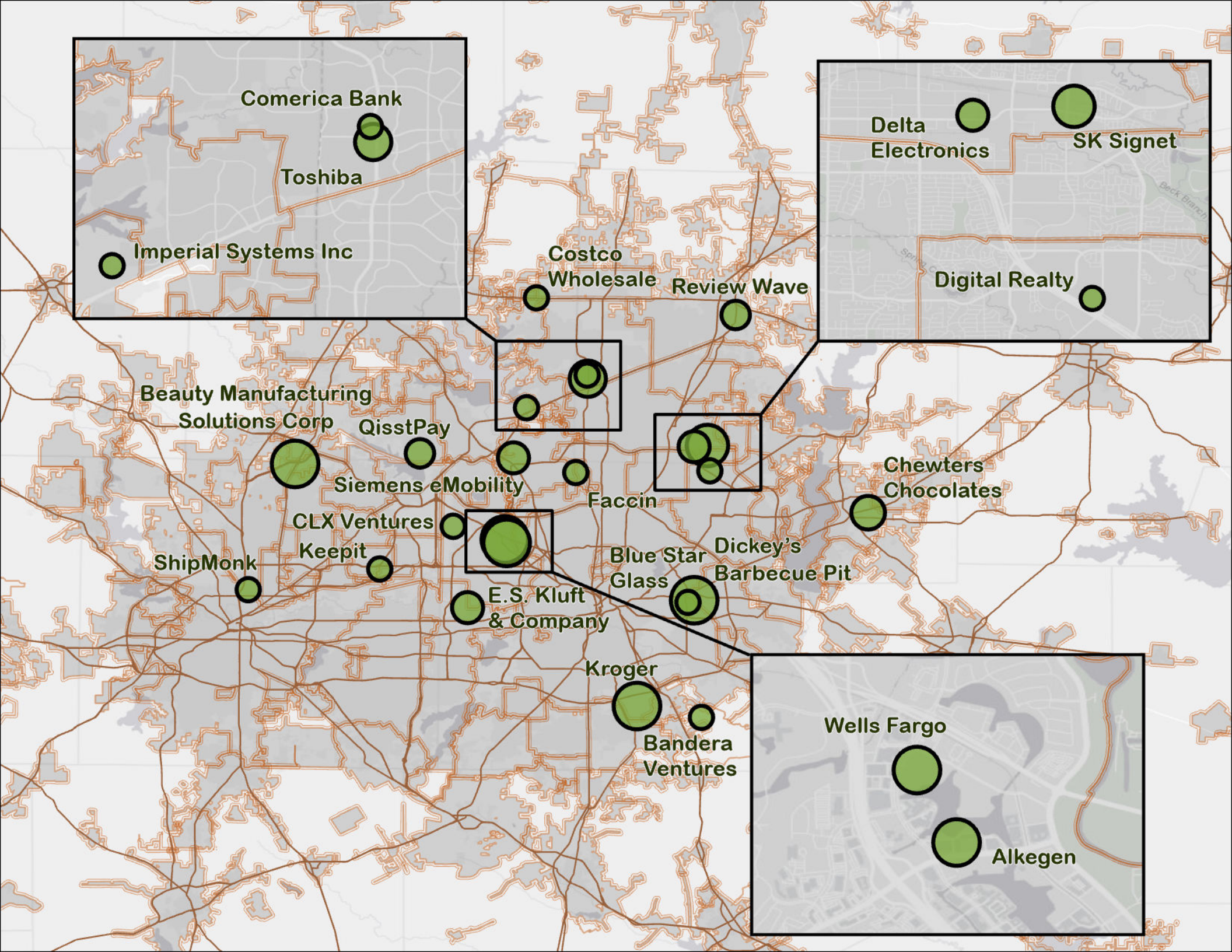
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Economic Development and Our Community

## *2022 Economic Development Projects & Announcements in the Metroplex: New Projects*

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**Keepit:** *Euless, TX.* Keepit, a cloud backup and recovery technology company based out of Denmark, has established their new US headquarters in Fort Worth. The company is expecting to hire roughly 25 employees in sales, human resources, and management fields to offer their blockchain-based services to the wider national market, citing Texas' central location as a key factor to their strategy.



**Bandera Ventures:** Bandera Ventures, a local industrial building developer, has plans to construct a distribution hub in Wilmer. Southport Logistics, as the project will be called, will include two warehouse and distribution buildings, totaling almost 1.5 million square feet of new space at a price of more than \$76 million.

**QisstPay:** *Flower Mound, TX.* The Pakistani fintech startup known for its one-click checkout technology, recently established its first North American office in Flower Mound. They plan to hire between 30 to 70 people in the region as part of an overall effort to expand their global workforce to 350 by the end of the year.



**Faccin:** *Addison, TX.* A global provider of metal bending machines, Faccin USA Inc., is opening new headquarters in Addison to expand their US footprint and continued global growth. This expansion will be focused on expanding offerings to customers and expanding the spare parts delivery service line.



**Imperial Systems Inc:** *The Colony, TX.* To expand into the Southern US market, Imperial Systems, which manufactures industrial dust and fume collections, has opened a new office in The Colony. This move will better position the company to work with local firms and dealers in the market space – especially emerging manufacturing hubs like Frisco and McKinney.



**Kroger:** *Dallas, TX.* Dallas has become home to Kroger's newest high-tech Customer Fulfillment Centers. The facility, which utilizes advanced robotics and a highly skilled workforce of 500 new employees, will serve as a hub for similar locations in Austin, San Antonio, and Oklahoma City to bring Kroger Delivery to these various markets.

**Beauty Manufacturing Solutions:** *Fort Worth, TX.* Beauty Manufacturing Solutions Corp, a high-tech beauty product company known for manufacturing products for L'Oreal, Johnson & Johnson, and Mary Kay, announced plans for its new facility in Fort Worth. The new \$150 million plant based out of AllianceTexas is expected to create 250 highly skilled jobs in the region and will be in addition to their existing facility in Coppell.



**Chewters Chocolate:** *Rockwall, TX.* Chewters Chocolates has chosen Rockwall for their upcoming 189,000 square foot chocolate manufacturing facility. The company was recruited by the local economic development organization, noting that they were seeking a location within the country that was central and capable of easily serving the whole national market. Upon completion, the project will feature four chocolate production lines and warehousing, with a total headcount of approximately 120.

**Siemens eMobility:** *Carrollton, TX.* Siemens eMobility announced that it will be establishing their second US manufacturing hub for EV charging operations in a 80,000-square-foot facility in Carrollton. The facility will be focused on producing their VersiCharge Blue charger with their workforce of approximately 100 employees.



**E.S. Kluft & Company:** *Grand Prairie, TX.* Luxury mattress producer E.S. Kluft & Company opened its third manufacturing plant in Grand Prairie. The 100,000-square-foot facility, which is expected to create more than 80 new jobs, benefits from being central to the company's growing customers base in the Central and Southern region.

**Wells Fargo:** *Irving, TX.* Wells Fargo announced plans to build a new \$455 million corporate regional campus in Irving by the end of 2025. This new campus will add an additional 650 jobs to its existing DFW workforce, with an expected 3,000 total workers planning on reporting to the new Las Colinas campus once operational. The project was supported by a Texas Enterprise Fund grant of over \$5 million.



**Blue Star Glass:** *Dallas, TX.* Blue Star Architectural Glass announced the opening of the nation's first fully automated insulating glass factory. This fabrication method will allow the 145,000-square-foot facility to run with limited human interaction, allowing the production process to instead focus on enhancing the quality and precision of the glass.



**Dickey's Barbeque Pit:** *Mesquite, TX.* Dickey's Barbecue Pit is ramping up its manufacturing and distributions capabilities to meet growing demand for its products with the launch of their new Wycliff Douglas Provisions facility in Mesquite. The location will feature multiple different food processing lines with over 50,000 square feet of USDA Inspection production space and will be staffed by over 350 workers upon operation.



**ShipMonk:** *Fort Worth, TX.* ShipMonk, a leading provider of ecommerce fulfillment solutions, has recently opened a new fulfillment center in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, adding to the area's growing reputation as a hub for cost-effective and efficient logistics operations. The location's proximity to the Port of Houston, as well as strategic location allowing for 1-day ground shipping for a large portion of the nation's most highly populated cities, played a key role in selecting North Texas for the center.

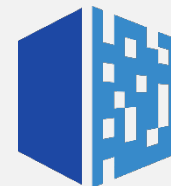
**Comerica Bank:** *Frisco, TX.* Comerica Bank has announced plans to establish a new Business & Innovation Hub in Frisco by early 2024. The new hub will house roughly 300 employees and will serve as a center for business innovation and collaboration supporting entrepreneurs, startups, and established businesses with a range of resources, including technology, mentorship, and funding opportunities.



**Delta Electronics:** *Plano, TX.* Delta Electronics, a Taiwanese electronics manufacturer, is expanding its existing operations in Plano with the potential to create hundreds of new jobs. The expansion was led by the purchase of a 30-acre plot of land, with plans for the space to become a large R&D and manufacturing hub. This move was spurred on by the company's commitment towards creating a more resilient supply chain while simultaneously expanding into the US



**Digital Realty:** *Garland, TX.* Digital Realty has announced plans to establish a new 181,200-square-foot core and shell data center in Garland, further expanding the company's footprint in the region. The company is planning to invest \$59.4 million on the project, which is expected to be completed by August of 2024.



**Review Wave:** *McKinney, TX.* Review Rave, a California-based marketing company that provides services for the health care industry has announced its relocation to McKinney. The move, which will take place over the next three years, will create 73 high-tech and executive jobs within the next three years for a total employment of 130.



**Alkegen:** *Fort Worth, TX.* Alkegen announced plans to move their headquarters and production hub for their filtration and battery business from New York to a new location in Irving. The move was driven by their need to access a wide and talented labor pool to help push the development of their breakthrough technologies in the filtration, battery technology, and electric vehicle sector.



**CLX Ventures:** *Richardson, TX.* CLX Ventures, a major real estate developer based out of Dallas, has begun work on three new industrial buildings near DFW airport. The project, which will be known as the DFW Commerce Center Buildings upon completion, will be leased by Cushman & Wakefield and will offer up to 2 million square feet of space for businesses.



**Costco Wholesale:** *McKinney, TX.* Costco Wholesale is set to open a new retail location in Prosper thanks to the efforts of the local leadership and fast-growing population. This will be the 38<sup>th</sup> location for the state of Texas, many of which are located throughout the Metroplex. Construction of the warehouse club and fuel pumps is expected to cost more than \$20 million.

**SK Signet:** *Frisco, TX.* SK Signet, a South Korean manufacturer of ultra-fast EV chargers, is opening its first North American manufacturing plant in Plano. The company will be renovating an existing building to serve as a manufacturing and R&D facility, with immediate goals to create 180 new jobs for the area.



**Southwestern Scale Company:** *Plano, TX.* To expand services and capability in Texas, Southwestern Scale Company Inc. has opened a new office in Fort Worth for its industry and commercial-grade weighing scales. The move follows several years of doing business with customers in the state, citing this as a major reason for the expanded footprint.



**Toshiba:** *Plano, TX.* Citing the ability to attract high-tech talent and strategic partners, Toshiba Global Commerce Solutions has selected Frisco for their new Innovation & Incubation Hub. The new location will be home to 150 new jobs over the next two years in service of developing their online unified commerce platform.