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Ferrero Locates Two Facilities in the Corridor



Bloomington. The **Ferrero Group** is planning to build a \$75 million expansion project, adding 50 employees on Beich Road near the interchange of I-39, I-74 and I-55. The expanded facility will house a new chocolate manufacturing center.

Ferrero is a confectionary company known for Nutella, Ferrero Rancher, Crunch, Raisinets, Butterfinger, Baby Ruth other globally recognized brands.

DeKalb. **Ferrero** is responsible for construction two new facilities in DeKalb’s ChicagoWest Business Park through its **Ferrara Candy Company** subsidiary. The 1.7 million square foot complex includes a 1.2 million square foot distribution facility and a 466,000 square foot packaging center. The distribution complex is expected to be complete in the second quarter of year 2021. The project will bring approximately 500 jobs to DeKalb.





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Facebook Data Center - DeKalb

Facebook has begun construction of a 907,000 square foot data center on a 505-acre site near the DeKalb Peace Road interchange with I-88. The site offers the capability of extensive expansion of **Facebook's** footprint as the demand for data center capabilities increase in the future. Current investment in the project is estimated at \$800 million. According to Facebook, DeKalb was chosen as the site for its newest data center site due to its access to renewable energy, a strong talent pool, higher education institutions, community partners and strong infrastructure.

The facility will benefit from State and County enterprise zone and data center program incentives, according to the DeKalb County EDC. A data center incentive passed into law in 2019 with bipartisan support is designed to attract data center development, as well as create construction and professional jobs and sparking community investment.



Facebook is partnering with the City of DeKalb, the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District, and **Krusinski Construction Company** to help design, build and provide support for infrastructure in the area.

The project will likely employ 1,200 people in the construction of the project. When the facility is complete in 2022, plans are to hire approximately 100 people to operate the facility. **Facebook** indicated that the DeKalb project is its 16th data center and will be among the most advanced, energy- and water-efficient data center facilities in the world. The project had been known as Project Ventus, and was assisted by Jerry Krusinski, a principal with the neighboring **ChicagoWest Business Park**.



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Syngenta Seeds - DeKalb County

Malta. **Syngenta Seeds LLC** plans to build an 84,000 square foot R&D Innovation and Customer Experience Center on an 88-acre site along IL Highway 38. The facility will employ 100 persons when completed. Construction is planned to begin in early 2021.



According to the Syngenta's press release, "The site was selected for its location, soil type and accessibility, and will provide facilities for large-scale events and engagement with growers on corn and soybean technology and innovation."

"A key component of the site will be highlighting the future of agriculture via displays and application of Syngenta digital technologies including virtual reality, precision agriculture, drone and satellite imaging, and data analytics," according to Syngenta's zoning application narrative.



The location is in the vicinity of Kishwaukee College and close to both DeKalb and Northern Illinois University. The company plans to surround the building with research fields that will help showcase the plants that **Syngenta** is developing at the facility.