

January Highlights

MBCIA gains a new Board member.



It was **announced** that Dr. Cassandra Washington has joined our Board of Directors.

Dr. Washington serves as the CTAE Director at the W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy. The Authority has worked closely with Dr. Washington for years, facilitating relationships between Industry and CTAE.

Industry Highlight- YKK wins 2021 GEAR Award

YKK earned the 2021 GEAR Award from the Georgia Department of Economic Development.



YKK was named "Supplier of the Year, employing 200+ people" for its contributions to the advancement of the state's automotive and mobility industries.

YKK recently achieved environmental successes in 2021, as well. They successfully had a 20% reduction from indirect emissions, a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, reduced landfill waste by 2,700 tons, and decreased water intake by 18%. They also increased production recycling to 82.3 percent.

As an organization, YKK works to make our community a better place and operates on the philosophy that "no one prospers without rendering benefit to others."

Submit your Industry Highlight story to be featured in our next newsletter.



Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority

January 2022 Authority Report

Executive Director Report

January was a busy and successful month for the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority. The Executive Director's Report showed that prospect activity is steady. There are currently 26 open projects with a potential investment of more than \$500 million and more than 4,200 potential jobs. The current Chairman of the Board, Robby Fountain, was re-appointed for an additional 5 years.

Industry was booming this month as MHI RJ Aviation Group announced the expansion of its Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul Network to come to Macon-Bibb County. This expansion will be located at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport and will be operational later this year, bringing 200 jobs to the area. Read the full announcement [here](#).

Middle Georgia Freightliner- Isuzu celebrated the grand opening of their new facility on the fourth anniversary of the fire that burnt their old one to the ground. Their new facility is 40,000 square feet and is used for service, repairs, and sales of trucks and trailers. Their [story](#) is one of perseverance and dedication to their industry and customers.

Existing Industry Report

Eleyce Coleman, Existing Industry Manager, met with Dr. Cassandra Washington, President and CEO of the [College and Career Academy](#), to discuss how our partnership prepares students to be college and career ready at graduation. To watch part three of the series, click [here](#).

Coleman also works with industries in all manners by connecting industries to resources including Public Works, Planning & Zoning, WorkSource, and even other industries. The focus on placing employees with local industries, helping to recruit candidates and promote job opportunities, as well as coordinating events like job fairs and Industrial park lunches.

Project Manager Report

Gary Wilson, Project Manager, has been working on transferring MHI RJ to Macon-Bibb County. Geotechnical reports are being produced as industries are looking to locate to our area. MBCIA has been able to produce these reports with the help of [Parks and Beautification](#).

There is work being done in the Industrial Parks, specifically Airport South, to prepare land for an industry to settle here.

Marketing Report

In the marketing and public relations activities report, all social media platforms saw consistency or growth in reach, engagement, impressions, new followers, and page clicks than in previous months across all platforms.

2022 marks MBCIA's 60th anniversary and events and a look back on Macon-Bibb County industry throughout the years.

Advertisements are currently running in Georgia Trend.

The meeting closed with an executive session.



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