

The Buzz

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The Buzz is a monthly newsletter from Workforce Solutions- Employer Service Division and is issued to provide local labor market information that is timely and meaningful to our partners in the Gulf Coast region.

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Other Houston Economy Highlights



Emerging Markets of the Gulf Coast Region

The industries that offer the best job opportunities to area residents now and over the next ten to fifteen years are also the industries that are likely to contribute the most to the region's economic future. They are the industries that drive the demand for our services and the industries we target to supply with the most qualified talent in our database:

Health Services

4 out of 5 leading senior citizen complexes plan to expand in to Houston as a result of the aging population

Houston Rodeo

- Reliant Park
- 7,265 Full-Time equivalent jobs
- March 2014

Rebellion Photonics

Professional and Technical Services Educational Services Specialty Construction Oil and Natural Gas Extraction and Manufacturing

Following are highlights describing activity across the region in several of these industries.

Healthcare Stats

- 27,300 jobs have been added in the Houston market since 2010. 7,900 more jobs are expected to be added this year
- 126,000 job openings nationwide in Healthcare. 10% of those openings are in Houston
- 4 out of 5 leading senior citizen complexes plan to expand in to Houston, a result of the aging population

Healthcare Projects

- Texas Children's Hospital in the Woodlands will break ground January 31
- Memorial Hermann building a new hospital in Pearland
- Construction jobs now, permanent jobs after opening in 2015
- Memorial Hermann announced planned expansion to campuses in Katy, Sugar Land,

- 288 and Holly Hall area
- Gas cloud imaging
- 12 skilled jobs

Lyondell Basell

- Channelview
- 24 new jobs

1/3 of manufacturing jobs are chemical manufacturing

Cypress

- Lexicon Pharmaceuticals Inc. cutting 115 jobs, approximately 45% of their workforce, in The Woodlands

Manufacturing Stats

- Houston is the #1 manufacturing city in the US
- 40% of the nation's petrochemical production is from the Gulf Coast region
- 1/3 of manufacturing jobs are chemical manufacturing
- Hottest jobs are fabricated metal and production and oilfield machinery

Manufacturing Projects

Dow Chemical

- 3 new facilities, 1 under construction, 2 in planning stages
- Will produce performance plastics packaging, sports equipment, transportation, electrical and telecommunications
- Expects to fill 35,000 jobs in the next ten to fifteen years

Chevron Phillips

- Ethylene furnace in Old Ocean/Lake Jackson area under construction
- Startup expected in 2014
- Chemical manufacturing jobs are expected

Cooper Industries

The City of Houston issued 141,168 building permits for single and multi-family homes in a 12 month period

- New start up in the North/Central area
- Manufactures tools and electrical components
- Will have manufacturing jobs and advance manufacturing jobs

Holman Boiler Works

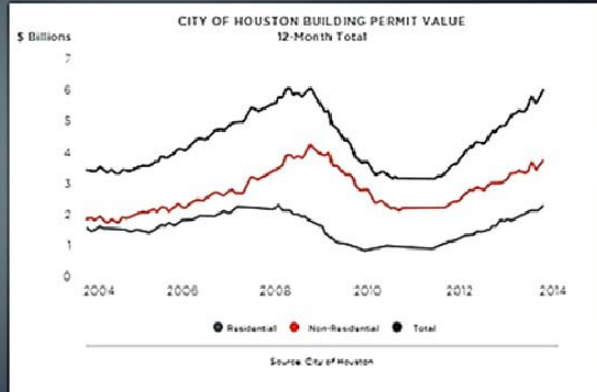
- 24,000 square feet leased for expansion at Bayport Industrial Park
- Serves steam intensive markets such as food processing, oil refinery, petrochemical
- Will fill 100 jobs, including boiler techs, boiler makers, pipe fitters, welders

B & G Foods

- 267,000 square feet leased for expansion on Kempwood Drive in Houston
- Hiring food processors, machine operators, manufacturing operations, distribution and customer services

Specialty Construction Stats

- Building Permit Value - Note that both residential and non-residential permits issued are trending upward after the decline of 2011



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Specialty Construction Projects

- in addition to the construction projects listed above

Mitsubishi

- Building a manufacturing site in Pearland
- Production to start fall of 2014
- Produce, sell and service compressors and steam turbines
- Will create over 100 jobs; machinists, repairmen, and sales

Kinder Morgan

- Building a new manufacturing terminal in Galena Park
- Will manufacture crude condensate and refined products
- The terminal will have a connection to the Explorer Pipeline

Hines

- Building first multi-family luxury apartments of the year called

Water Wall Place
- One of 11 multi-family projects planned/under construction in the Galleria area
- Construction jobs available through multiple contractors

Kuraray America

- Expanding their manufacturing facility in La Porte by September
- Manufacture of specialty chemical fiber and resin products
- 107 new jobs including customer service reps

Adventure Pointe

- New theme park under construction in 2014 and opening in 2015
- Located off of I-45 The Gulf Freeway south of Tanger Outlet Mall
- Now hiring construction workers via multiple contractors
- Later will hire recreation workers, attendants, food service workers, etc.

The Radius

- 3500 acre master planned community under construction in Pearland
- Hiring construction workers via subcontractors

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