

# **Economic Development Incentive Program**

Public Hearing
Haakon Industries
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## Background and Request

#### **Background:**

- As announced on September 21<sup>st</sup>, Haakon Industries has chosen Buncombe County for the company's southeast location.
- Haakon plans to build a 140,000 sqft building in Enka Commerce Park.
- Haakon is a manufacturer of air handling equipment for large organizations (e.g., hospitals, labs).

#### **Request:**

- Board of Commissioners approval for:
  - Economic Development Incentives for Haakon Industries; and
  - Economic Development Agreement between Haakon Industries and Buncombe County.



### **Project Overview**

- As part of Haakon's new manufacturing facility project, Haakon will:
  - Create 100 new jobs;
  - Invest \$17.9 million in real and business personal property; and
  - Provide an average wage of \$19.20 hour including at least half of employee health insurance costs.



# Investment and Job Overview

#### Proposed investment and job schedule.

	Capital In	vestment	Jobs	
Fiscal Year	Annual	Cumulative	Annual	Cumulative
2019	\$700,000	\$700,000	0	0
2020	\$16,700,000	\$17,400,000	14	14
2021	\$0.00	\$17,400,000	16	30
2022	\$500,000.00	\$17,900,000	20	50
2023	\$0.00	\$17,900,000	25	75
2024	\$0.00	\$17,900,000	25	100
TOTAL	\$17,900,000.00	\$17,900,000.00	100	100



## **Economic Development Incentive Overview**

- Joint economic development effort between the Department of Commerce, Department of Transportation, A-B Tech, Economic Development Coalition (EDC), and Buncombe County.
- Per Buncombe County's Economic Development Incentive Policy, and pending Commissioner approval, Buncombe County commits to a total incentive of \$192,298.
- The incentive disbursement schedule is provided below.

Fiscal Year	Incentive (Investment)	Incentive (Jobs)	
2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2020	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2024	\$96,149.00	\$96,149.00	
TOTAL	\$96,149.00	\$96,149.00	



## **Economic Development Impact**

- Creation of 100 jobs and \$17.9M in investment.
- Generation of approximately \$750K in ad valorem tax revenue over 10 years (net positive revenue impact of approximately \$555K).
- Labor impact of ~\$7M (see EDC Economic Impact Analysis below).

Impact Type	Description	Employment	Labor Income
<b>Direct Effect</b>	Haakon jobs	100	\$3,944,717
Indirect Effect	Income for Haakon's local suppliers (i.e., business-to-business transactions)	33	\$1,684,802
Induced Effect	Labor income or paychecks being spent in the region (i.e., household spending)	35	\$1,366,524
Total		168	\$6,996,042



# Appendix



## Job Incentive and Average Wage

- Based on Haakon's job creation plans, only 21 out of the 100
   proposed jobs qualify for the jobs incentive in the Buncombe County
   Economic Development Incentive Policy
- All 100 jobs exceed the 2019 "living wage" published by Just Economics of \$13.65 per hour, or \$28,392 per year, for a full-time living-wage employee without health insurance.
- Additionally, all 100 jobs will receive at least 100% subsidy of employee benefits (50% for dependents).



## Wage Schedule

Position	Count	Average Wage	Incentive Eligible	Living Wage
Plant Manager	1	\$40.00	Yes	Yes
HR Specialist	1	\$30.00	Yes	Yes
<b>Production Engineer</b>	5	\$30.00	Yes	Yes
<b>Quality Control Manager</b>	1	\$30.00	Yes	Yes
Purchasing	2	\$28.00	Yes	Yes
<b>Production Supervisor</b>	7	\$26.78	Yes	Yes
Maintenance	2	\$24.00	Yes	Yes
Electrician	2	\$21.63	Yes	Yes
<b>CNC Machine Operator</b>	2	\$20.60	No	Yes
Welder	9	\$18.54	No	Yes
<b>Sheet Metal Machine Operator</b>	5	\$18.54	No	Yes
Admin Assistant	1	\$18.00	No	Yes
Electrical Helper	5	\$17.51	No	Yes
Reciever/Material Handler	2	\$16.48	No	Yes
Assember	55	\$16.30	No	Yes
TOTAL	100			