



Westfield Fluid Controls Opens Manufacturing Facility In Lafayette

Maker of specialized components for aerospace and defense industries will create 67 new direct jobs

LAFAYETTE, La. — Today, Westfield Hydraulics CEO Robert A. Schacht celebrated the completion of Westfield Fluid Control’s headquarters and manufacturing facility in NorthPark, one of four Lafayette Parish business parks owned by the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA). The project, announced in 2020, included a \$5.1 million capital investment and a commitment to create 67 new direct jobs.

Founded in 1974, Westfield Hydraulics is a leading provider of precision hydraulic and fluid control components for aerospace and defense applications. The company is relocating an existing manufacturing operation from San Fernando, California, to Lafayette.

“I thank Westfield Fluid Controls for their investment in our state and congratulate them on the swift completion of this new facility, which is a perfect illustration of the diversity of Louisiana’s manufacturing sector,” Gov. John Bel Edwards said. “This new business will have a positive impact beyond the creation of more than 170 jobs in the Acadiana Region. It also will have long-term benefits the state’s economy by producing materials that support our expanding aerospace and defense sectors.”

The new facility, designed by Pecot Architects and built by Ruddick Construction, is a 30,000-square-foot facility featuring state-of-the-art advanced manufacturing equipment.

“This is a big milestone for the company and a testament to effective collaboration between the state, local government, and regional stakeholders,” says Robert Schacht, CEO of Westfield Hydraulics. “We are excited and grateful to be welcomed into the Acadiana community and look forward to an exciting next chapter.”

Westfield will create 67 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of \$49,797, plus benefits. Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in 106 new indirect jobs, for a total of 173 new jobs in Lafayette Parish and the Acadiana Region.

“The establishment of Westfield Fluid Controls is a big win for Lafayette and continues to demonstrate that our community’s skilled workforce and existing business base are attractive to outside businesses,” Lafayette Mayor-President Josh Guillory said. “I look forward to working with Westfield’s team as the company grows in Lafayette Parish.”

“I am incredibly happy to welcome Westfield Fluid Controls to Lafayette and to LEDA’s Northpark. Lafayette’s expertise and innovation in manufacturing are the perfect complement to the specialized positions that will be available at this facility,” says Mandi D. Mitchell, LEDA President and CEO. “Through directed outreach in target sectors, LEDA is striving to diversify the region’s business base while expanding opportunities for investment and employment.”

When hiring begins, information about open positions at Westfield Fluid Controls will be listed on LEDA’s Online Job Board at www.lafayette.org/jobs.

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