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200 jobs, \$46M investment coming in company's move to Greater Cincinnati

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A Tennessee-based electromechanical services provider is bringing 200 new jobs to Greater Cincinnati along with \$46 million in investment as a result of state tax credits.

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority on Monday approved tax credits estimated to be worth \$1.25 million for Darana Hybrid Inc., a sister company of AMPS Staffing. The 1.838 percent tax credit was granted for a term of eight years to create \$9 million in new payroll. As a result, Darana has agreed to continue operations at its new site for at least 11 years, according to scope of work documents from the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Spokeswoman Julie Bick said the Native American-owned firm is moving its office operations to Hamilton. New jobs at the site will include project managers, foreman, supervisors, electricians, riggers and more. Salaries will be based on previous experience.

Bick said Darana selected Hamilton for its "abundant access to skilled employees" along with the city of Hamilton's assistance in helping it grow there.

"We're really planning to grow by leaps and bounds there in the next three years," vice president of strategic development Brenda Dane told me. "We're looking forward to creating some educational opportunities for the Cincinnati area as well."

Dane said Darana also views Cincinnati as a hub for Native American nations throughout the Midwest to participate in its opportunities and jobs in Ohio.

Darana is currently hiring 20 for its local operations and will host a boot camp for potential applicants on March 6. Interested applicants can call 513-785-7530 for more information or visit Darana sister company AMPS Staffing's website.



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Darana, founded in 1995, is an electromechanical contractor specializing in industrial, electrical and mechanical installations with expertise in the food and beverage, processing, packaging and conveyor industries. It has operations in the U.S. and Canada and serves Fortune 100 and 500 companies.

Darana was among four Greater Cincinnati companies that were approved for tax credits on Monday that are expected to create nearly 400 jobs over the next three years.

“Greater Cincinnati continues to be a hub for manufacturing and logistics companies,” said Kimm Coyner, vice president, business development and projects management, for REDI Cincinnati. “Our region’s workforce understands how to make and ship products efficiently. We have that competitive edge these companies need to grow their businesses.”

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