

Nidaco Foods to Open Manufacturing Facility in Floyd County

The Rome-Floyd County Development Authority (RFCDA) approved a Memorandum of Understanding today for the **Nidaco Foods, LLC** project. Nidaco plans to begin construction on a 65,000 square foot facility in the Northwest Georgia Regional Industrial Park on West Hermitage Road. Nidaco Foods is a manufacturer of value-added meat products prepared specifically for the restaurant industry. **John Nida (LR '04)**, president of the newly-formed company, said, "I am excited to get started with this new venture and feel confident that this partnership will be a long and profitable one for all parties." The facility will employ an estimated 125 people and invest approximately \$17 million initially. The facility will serve as operations and its corporate headquarters.

Nidaco Foods will be the first project to go into the Northwest Georgia Regional Industrial Park. The 65-acre park is owned by the Gordon-Floyd Development Authority and is representative of the regional cooperation that the state

of Georgia encourages neighboring communities to establish. Nidaco Foods will purchase 12 acres at the entrance of the park to construct this facility. *Chairman of the Floyd County Commission* **Chuck Hufstetler** saluted the project as a continuation of Rome and Floyd County's long success with food-related businesses. "With the track records of companies like **Zartic, Sara Lee, Kellogg's** and others, Nidaco Foods should be able to be very successful here."

Nidaco Foods has been occupying space in **Coosa Valley Technical College's** Business Expansion Center for several months. *Mayor* **Ronnie Wallace (LR '87)**, also the Center's Director, expressed his excitement with the prospect of yet another of the Center's companies moving into their own facility. "We are always delighted to see one of our companies 'graduate' into their own facility. We appreciate the opportunity to play a role in their successful growth and development."

This project was possible through partnership with several

organizations. The Georgia Departments of Economic Development (GDEcD), Community Affairs, and Technical & Adult Education all played a vital role in locating this project to Floyd County. **Gretchen Corbin (LR '00)**, **Scott McMurray** and *Commissioner* **Craig Lesser**, all of GDEcD, helped Nidaco and the community create this partnership. "The Department of Economic Development is proud to partner with the Development Authorities, Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce, city, county and company representatives to land this project in Rome and Floyd County. We are excited to help a local entrepreneur put his dreams in motion," says Corbin.

Thanks to the *City of Rome* and *Floyd County*, the *Rome-Floyd County Development Authority*, *Gordon-Floyd Development Authority*, *US Department of Agriculture* and the *One Georgia Authority* for making this all happen. **Steve Kemp**, *Chairman of the RFCDA*, praised the "teamwork, cooperation and persistence that our area continue to offer to new and expanding businesses." ■



Day at the Capitol

The Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend our Annual Day at the Capitol trip on **Wednesday, February 15th, 2006**. The group will depart from Rome at approximately 9:00 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. *Senator* **Preston Smith**, *Rep.* **Bill Cummings**, *Rep.* **Barry Loudermilk**, *Rep.* **Barbara Massey Reece**, and *Rep.* **Paul Smith** have all been invited to join us for lunch. Issues related to Transportation, Education, Economic Development, and Immigration will all be discussed.

The cost of the trip is \$20.00 which includes lunch and transportation. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to **Diane Tracy** at 706.291.7663 or dtracy@romega.com no later than Friday, February 10th, 2006. ■



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