



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

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PGA TOUR expansion project in St. Johns County recognized as part of Florida’s 2019 Silver Shovel Award

The Area Development magazine award acknowledges Florida for attracting large job creation and high-value investment projects and cited PGA TOUR as the state’s top project

Area Development Site and Facility Planning magazine recognized Florida with a 2019 Silver Shovel Award and ranked the PGA TOUR headquarters expansion in St. Johns County as Florida’s top investment and job creation project in 2018. The awards program recognizes states for attracting high-value investment projects that bring a significant amount of new jobs to the area.

The PGA TOUR headquarters expansion project that was announced in January 2018 will feature an 187,000-square-foot building to be complete in 2020. The PGA TOUR project will bring 307 new jobs and an \$86 million investment to the area and state. The project will create a consolidated, single location for the PGA TOUR headquarters in Ponte Vedra Beach.

When awarding the state winners, the magazine looks at multiple factors, including the number of jobs created in regard to the state’s population, the combined investment amount of the projects, the number of new facilities and the industry diversity represented.

FLORIDA		SILVER SHOVEL WINNER			
Company	City/County	N/E	# Jobs	Inv. Amt.	Industry
PGA Tour	St. Johns County	E	307	\$86 million	Headquarters
Webstaurant, Inc.	Hillsborough County	N	305	\$1 million	IT
Baker McKenzie	Hillsborough County	N	300	\$3.3 million	Headquarters
Nucor Corp.	Polk County	N	250	\$238 million	Steel
Pratt & Whitney	Palm Beach County	E	215	\$100.4 million	Aircraft Parts
Jinko Solar	Duval County	N	200	\$50.5 million	Solar Panels
Wyndham Destinations, Inc.	Orange County	E	200	\$7.5 million	Headquarters
Steelco Florida, Inc.	Hillsborough County	E	195	\$130 million	Steel Mill
McLane Company, Inc.	Marion County	N	125	\$59 million	Distribution
CAE USA	Hillsborough County	E	100	\$48 million	Simulation/ Training

(pop. 21.29 million)
States with populations 12+ million

For the full article, visit www.areadevelopment.com/Gold-Shovel-Econdev-Awards/Q2-2019/states-recipients-attract-investments-job-creating-projects.shtml.

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