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EDAWN: Four new companies arrive in Q2; 150 jobs added

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Despite recession and high unemployment, agencies charged with luring new business to Northern Nevada cite recent successes that will bring nearly 150 new jobs.

Two companies relocated and two expanded in the region in the past three months of 2009, according to the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada's quarterly report.

That represents an estimated \$33.5 million in economic impact from payroll and capital investment, EDAWN officials said.

One, SK Food Group, a sandwich manufacturer for retail and vending, is expanding its Reno facility and adding 79 new jobs.

Another, Secure Storage Technologies LLC, a developer of parking meter technology being tested by the city of Reno, is relocating to the area and hiring eight employees.

Two other advanced logistics companies, one relocating and the other expanding, requested anonymity but will add 39 new jobs to the area, according to EDAWN.

"It's very encouraging. Every job is critical," said Gail Conkey, EDAWN director of retention and expansion. "These are large corporations making sizable increases in employment."

Additionally, Buffalo, N.Y.-based Buffalo Wire Works Co. will launch a West Coast manufacturing and warehouse site in Sparks next month for its line of screen products for mining and industrial markets.

The company, assisted by the Northern Nevada Development Authority, expects to hire and train at least 20 people in its first year, officials said.

"This plant will create very stable manufacturing employment opportunities and put American workers back to work," said CEO Joe Abramo. "Aligning Buffalo Wire Works with the University of Nevada, Reno and the College of Engineering, School of Mines is an immediate priority."

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Job opportunities

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