

# ***Carolinas Gateway Partnership News***

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## **FCA TO BEGIN OPERATIONS CREATING 40 JOBS IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY**

FCA, an Illinois based custom packaging manufacturing and a leader in custom designed industrial packaging solutions with facilities throughout the US, announced plans to begin operations in Edgecombe County. The company offers a broad range of custom industrial packaging that includes wood, steel, corrugated and hybrid products.

FCA selected the Kingsboro-Kanban facility to manufacture skids that will house advanced manufactured engines for Cummins, a large industrial company in the region. The company will occupy approximately 40,000 square feet and begin operations within the next 30 days.

County officials are happy to have this new local company. "We are very excited about FCA's decision to locate their operations in Edgecombe County," said Leonard Wiggins, Chairman of the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners. "The creation of 40 new jobs is great news for us."

"The Partnership is pleased to have assisted FCA in the location of their first North Carolina operation. We also thank the NC Department of Commerce for their assistance on this project. With our available labor and positive business climate, this confirms the advantages of a Twin County location for companies doing business throughout the Southeast," said Carolinas Gateway Partnership Chairman, Frank Harrison. "FCA will be providing jobs to the area workers and that is so important in these tough economic times."

"We thank the North Carolina's Eastern Region for their support and supporting small companies in the supply chain of our key industries is critical to the development of our regional economy," said John Chaffee, President of North Carolina's Eastern Regional Commission.