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## **Sarasota County adds three businesses to create 147 jobs**

The Sarasota County Commission has approved performance-based incentive grants for three businesses that expect to add 129 jobs over the next three to five years.

The \$365,000 in grants include:

- \$300,000 for Adams Group for 102 jobs over five years
- \$50,000 for Swimwear Boutique for 25 jobs over three years
- \$15,000 for RND Automation & Engineering for two jobs over three years.

To receive the grant funds, companies must add new jobs and pay an average annual wage exceeding the county average.

Adams Group is relocating to North Port from Punta Gorda. It manufactures and installs interior commercial architectural millwork and casework throughout the Southeast, and is an exclusive dealer of Mott Manufacturing's laboratory casework line in Florida and Georgia. Adams Group will occupy three buildings totaling 50,000 square feet at a location near I-75 in North Port.

SwimwearBoutique, an online retailer of swimwear fashions, will relocate its customer service and distribution center from Blanco, Texas to Sarasota. SwimwearBoutique will require about 3,000 square feet initially and will hire 25 employees over the next three years.

RND Automation & Engineering moving to Northgate Industrial Park from Manatee County. RND engineers, designs, manufactures and retrofits custom automation and material handling machinery for products as diverse as hydraulic valves, automotive sensors and contact lenses.

"Performance-based incentives are just part of the recipe for encouraging businesses to act on their expansion and relocations plans," said Sarasota County Commissioner Joe Barbetta.