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Alpla receives state aid for St. Peters expansion

Alpla Inc., a privately held \$3 billion manufacturer of plastic packaging, received state incentives for its expansion in St. Peters, Mo.

Austrian-based Alpla has another facility in Jefferson City, Mo., and chose the St. Peters location over competing sites in Illinois thanks to \$166,080 in Quality Jobs tax credits, a \$100,000 Customized Training grant and other incentives, Gov. Jay Nixon said Tuesday during a visit to the St. Peters plant.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development told the *Business Journal* last month that Alpla received \$429,296 in state incentives for the project but that amount was lowered to reflect the latest company job projections, a DED spokesman said.

Alpla is in the process of hiring new employees and plans to invest between \$12 million and \$16 million in the new facility in St. Peters, an 83,485-square-foot industrial property at 9 Cermak Blvd., that is slated to become operational by July.

The company expects to add 70 employees over the next five years and 150 new workers over the next decade for a total investment of \$25 million, said Nixon, who visited the St. Peters location Tuesday.

Alpla operates 128 manufacturing facilities in 37 countries with 10,000 employees. The company produces bottles, caps and tubes for a variety of consumer products.

Nixon wants to cap state incentives and have them doled out by the Missouri Department of Economic Development but also allow the state legislature to allocate additional tax credits beyond the cap.