

Walmart U.S. Manufacturing Announcements

Walmart is committed to American renewal and has announced it will buy an additional \$50 billion in U.S. products over the next 10 years in an effort to grow U.S. manufacturing and encourage the creation of U.S. jobs. To put that into context, each year we'll spend increasingly more on U.S. products and when you add up what we spend each year over the next decade, we will buy an additional \$250 billion in American products.

Here's a summary of the announcements:

- **GE** is creating 150 jobs to produce domestically made GE Energy Efficient Soft White bulbs that will be sold exclusively at U.S.-based Walmart stores.
- **Renfro**, a North Carolina based, multi-national legwear company specializing in the design, manufacture and sale of all kinds of socks is expanding its capacities over the next two years in Cleveland, Tenn., and Fort Payne, Ala., by creating an additional 195 manufacturing jobs.
- **No nonsense**, one of the most recognizable legwear brands in America, made by Kayser-Roth Corporation, announced a sock initiative with Walmart that will add more than 100 new jobs at Kayser-Roth and additional jobs in local industries in North Carolina. No nonsense will be expanding its Made in the USA program by investing in its existing production facilities located in North Carolina.
- **Element Electronics Corp.** plans to open a new flat screen TV assembly facility in Winnsboro, S.C. Assembly is scheduled to begin in December 2013 and the aggressive project will target up to 500 jobs.
- **Hampton Products International** recently invested in a new Shell Lake, Wisc., facility to begin production of Wright Products ® screen and storm door hardware. The company plans additional capital investments in 2014 at that site that over time are expected to add an additional 150 jobs.
- **Elan-Polo, Inc.**, a global footwear supplier, will start production of injection-molded footwear in March 2014 at a factory in Hazelhurst, Ga., as part of a joint venture with McPherson Manufacturing. Once at full capacity, this new facility will create 250 jobs and produce 20,000 pairs of shoes per day.
- **EveryWare Global, Inc.**, which manufactures bakeware, beverage ware, tabletop and household glassware, will produce Mainstays Canning Jars for Walmart in its Monaca, Pa., facility. The company is expanding factory capacity and establish a new product line made in the U.S. The agreement will create new manufacturing jobs in the Monaca facility.
- **Louis Hornick & Company**, a leading manufacturer and importer of window coverings and home textiles, will establish a new manufacturing facility in Allendale County, South Carolina. The investment is expected to create 125 new jobs over the next three years.

- **Tailor Made Products**, a kitchen utensil manufacturer, is expanding existing production and adding 12 new manufacturing jobs in Wisconsin.
- **Redman & Associates** will manufacture ride-on toys in a facility in Arkansas, creating 74 jobs.
- **Korona Candles** will generate 170 jobs in Virginia to produce Mainstays Tealight Candles.
- **Hanna's Candles** -- As part of our U.S. manufacturing effort, Walmart is making a renewed commitment to Hanna's Candles. Our goal with Hanna's is to go from roughly \$4 million in 2012 to \$30 million in 2013 and \$45 million by 2017. That has created jobs in Arkansas.
- **Authentic Comfort** -- As a result of Walmart's partnership with Authentic Comfort, 20 percent of Walmart's memory foam mattress topper business is being manufactured in the U.S. in 2013. Previously 100 percent of Walmart's 1.5 inch memory foam topper was produced by two suppliers overseas.