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## **St. Tammany Corporation Announces First New Certified Site in St. Tammany in Five Years**

*TJ Smith Industrial Site Qualified and Ready for Industrial Development*

MANDEVILLE, La – Today, Chris Masingill, CEO of the St. Tammany Corporation, is pleased to announce the certification of the TJ Smith Industrial Site, marking the first new certified site in St. Tammany Parish in five years. Certified sites have been shown to expedite the site selection process and enjoy greater exposure through Louisiana Economic Development’s (LED) marketing efforts.

“Certified sites are an important tool in the economic development toolchest, and increasing our portfolio adds to the distinctive competitive advantage of St. Tammany Parish,” said Masingill.

Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Certified Sites are development-ready industrial properties that earn this designation after an extensive application process and exhaustive review. The benefits of certification include official acknowledgement of a site's suitability and readiness and improved success in the site selection process. The program's rigorous review is conducted by an independent, third-party engineering firm.

There are currently 10 certified sites in St. Tammany parish and St. Tammany Corporation is actively working to increase that portfolio. If you are a landowner interested in certification, please reach out to our Coordinator of Business and Technical Services and Land and Site Manager Jake Nickens at [jnickens@sttammanycorp.org](mailto:jnickens@sttammanycorp.org).

To view the real-time listing of the TJ Smith Industrial Site, visit <https://buildingsandsites.com/sttammany/Property/Detail/4754/TJ-Smith-Industrial-Site>.

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**About St. Tammany Corporation:** St. Tammany Corporation is the economic development organization for St. Tammany. Our vision is to strategically align the economic landscape in St. Tammany to be the destination of choice for highly skilled talent, business formation, attraction, expansion, and retention. To support this vision, St. Tammany Corporation provides business and technical assistance in a variety of areas including financial and incentive services, site selection assistance, business intelligence and market research, marketing and communications, and workforce development. Since July 2018, St. Tammany Corporation has helped to directly facilitate multiple major expansions of existing businesses, representing over \$48 million in capital investment and the creation of approximately 374 new jobs.