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Hyundai To Break Ground On \$5.5 Billion EV Plant In Georgia This Month

Hyundai will break ground on its \$5.5 billion electric vehicle and battery plant in Georgia on October 25. The groundbreaking in Savannah, Georgia will mark an important milestone in the South Korean automaker's EV plans across North America, Reuters reports. Current plans call for the factory to commence production of electric vehicles in the first half of 2025 but there has been speculation this could be expedited in the wake of the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act. The facility will be built on a 2,923-acre site in Bryan County, less than 31 miles (50 km) from the Port of Savannah. The plant will have an annual production capacity of 300,000 units, building a host of EVs for customers in the U.S. It is possible that vehicles built at the site could also be exported overseas, although this has yet to be confirmed.

Among the vehicles that will be built in Georgia are the Hyundai Ioniq 7 and Kia EV9, two large SUVs underpinned by the automaker's E-GMP platform that will come with three rows of seating.

Hyundai says the project will create approximately 8,100 new jobs and will play an important role in its ambition to be one of the top three sellers of electric vehicles in the U.S. by 2026.

"The U.S. has always held an important place in the Group's global strategy, and we are excited to partner with the State of Georgia to achieve our shared goal of electrified mobility and sustainability in the U.S.," Hyundai Motor Group executive chair Euison Chung said when the plant was first announced.

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ABC: Enhancing Inclusion Creates Needed Change in the Construction Industry

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) today announced its strong support of the second annual Construction Inclusion Week, which kicks off today, and the need to champion and foster inclusion, diversity and equity throughout the construction industry. Created by ABC members, Construction Inclusion Week harnesses the collective power of the construction industry to build awareness regarding the need to improve inclusion, diversity and equity in the industry.

“Building inclusive, diverse and equitable workplaces ensures job creators in the construction community offer a robust employee value proposition that is attractive to top talent from all communities,” said ABC Director of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Tia Perry. “Recruiting and retaining the best workers in the marketplace will foster more creativity, win more work and deliver the greatest value to the construction user. ABC is proud to be an integral part of this important week.”

“Associated Builders and Contractors of New Jersey is proud to support Construction Inclusion Week and a more inclusive construction industry,” said Samantha DeAlmeida, president of ABC of New Jersey. “We’ve recently partnered with the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey to bring our Apprenticeship Education & Training Fund, a U.S. Department of Labor-approved apprenticeship program, to underserved and low-income areas throughout New Jersey, where this type of upskilling program has not existed. By providing inclusive and equitable opportunities for well-paying jobs in these communities, our apprenticeship program helps achieve workforce equity while disrupting generational poverty.”

“One of the most important opportunities in front of us is ensuring that authentic and personal conversations happen in the field,” said Carolyn Ellison, managing director of community affairs at Clark Construction Group LLC and a member of ABC’s National Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee. “I’m proud that Clark Construction has placed increased focus on fostering engagement and personal connections with our craft workforce—both during CIW and beyond.”

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- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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