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Pyrex's parent company is preparing to move a portion of its manufacturing and distribution operations to a 790,000-square-foot building in Marshall County.

Illinois-based **Corelle Brands**, which has Pyrex, CorningWare, and Chicago Cutlery under its umbrella, is **planning to employ about 400 people at the facility by mid-2020**, according to a Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) news release.

Tammy Craft, spokeswoman for MDA, said Corelle will receive \$3.25 million from MDA for relocation of equipment, moving, installation and some workforce training. She also said Mississippi Works fund will contribute \$300,000 over 2019 and 2020 for workforce training, Marshall County will contribute \$600,000 in grants as well as qualified local property tax abatements.

Panattoni Development Co. is set to develop the **\$28 million facility for Corelle** in its Gateway Global Logistics Center.

To incentivize the jobs, the MDA is set to help pay for the company's workforce training and its relocation and installation of equipment, as well as the property's infrastructure.

CBRE Inc.'s Jacque Beeson and Patrick Burke represented Corelle in the lease. Their CBRE colleague, Jim Mercer, represented Panattoni. Alston Construction Inc. is the general contractor on the project, and Pickering Firm Inc. is the architect.

The Corelle facility will be located on the northeast side of Hwy. 72, near the site where **Amazon is set to employ 850 workers**.

**Panattoni also announced Thursday that it is starting construction on a new, 554,000-square-foot speculative building at Gateway, which could be expanded to 861,000 square feet.**