



With one month left in the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2008-2009, I'm pleased to report an exciting expansion project that EDAWN and many of our key partners we're fortunate to assist with: Sierra Nevada Corporation. Here's more on this phenomenal company, its expansion and the new skilled jobs it is creating locally.

Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC) is a fast-growing, diversified high-tech electronics, engineering, and manufacturing corporation based in Greater Reno-Tahoe. About 400 highly-skilled employees work at its northern Nevada facilities with another 1,600 people based in 35 U.S. locations in 20 states. Headquartered in Sparks since 1963, SNC continues to post impressive growth with the announcement it is expanding its local operations by adding 37 new full-time skilled positions this year. The company recently acquired SpaceDev, an aerospace company, resulting in the need to expand. You may have read the story in last week's *Northern Nevada Business Weekly* about the company looking to hire engineers, information technology and accounting professionals among other skilled individuals. This is positive news for the company and the region as SNC is recruiting locally and nationally to fill positions. SNC epitomizes the type of company highlighted in the Target2010 economic planning study that we're looking to grow in the region: one that offers skilled, good paying jobs and employee benefits, is headquartered here, has low impact on the environment and is a good corporate citizen.

"SNC's main office remains in Greater Reno-Tahoe for a number of reasons. Besides the obvious benefits of living and doing business in a state with no state income tax, SNC employees also enjoy the nearby Lake Tahoe and Sierra Nevada recreational areas that contribute to quality of life. Abundant corporate tax advantages available in Nevada are enhanced through partnership with EDAWN. Recently EDAWN assisted SNC secure tax incentives that will allow SNC to grow and contribute even more to the local and national economies. Our membership in EDAWN is a vital component in our planned growth." Renee Velasco, SPHR

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EDAWN was joined by other regional partners assisting SNC with its expansion including the City of Sparks, the City of Reno, Washoe County, Washoe County School District and TMCC Department of Workforce Development. For more on Sierra Nevada Corporation's expansion and a complete list of companies we've assisted in 2008-2009 please [click here](#) .

