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Local economy to get boost

The economy in Griffin-Spalding County is about to get a major boost, thanks to Rinnai's decision to locate the company's first U.S. manufacturing facility in Griffin.

Gov. Nathan Deal on Friday announced that the home appliances manufacturer will create 150 jobs and invest \$69 million with the completion of the facility at the Lakes at Green Valley.

Rinnai's investment was the result of a team effort to promote Georgia as a good location for a manufacturing facility. Rinnai is a subsidiary of Rinnai Corp., which is based in Nagoya, Japan.

Deal said a trade mission to Japan was instrumental in bringing the facility to Georgia.

"This announcement follows a successful trade mission to Japan, where we met with Rinnai executives to discuss the strategic resources and top business environment

Georgia has to offer," Deal said.

The Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority teamed up with the Georgia Department of Economic Development in the effort to encourage Rinnai to locate the facility in Griffin.

Development Authority Executive Director David Luckie thanked the Georgia Department of Economic Development for its work on the project.

This successful effort by local and state officials shows what can happen when people work together to achieve a common goal.

With all of the dysfunction in our nation's capital, it is nice to see that sometimes people can work together for the benefit of a local community and a state.

We congratulate all involved in securing this project for our community.

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