

ALLIED SPECIALTY FOODS SERVING UP 70 JOBS IN VINELAND

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VINELAND, N.J. — Allied Specialty Foods is investing more than \$14 million in a new 75,000-square-foot facility located on 8.8 acres in the Vineland Industrial Park. The expansion is expected to add another 70 jobs to the company's 130 current employees.

"The additional space will enable us to expand our 'Individual Quick or Flash Freeze' manufacturing operations and add cold and frozen storage space," said Paul Litten, president and operating partner. "Once we are up and running in the new facility, we expect to be the number one steak sandwich supplier in the country."

As part of the company's expansion project, the New Jersey EDA provided Allied Foods with a Grow New Jersey Assistance Program award worth an estimated \$13.7 million, which is directly tied to the creation of new jobs. In addition, the company received a \$3.5 million loan from the Vineland UEZ program repayable more than 20 years.

Vineland's Director of Economic Development Sandy Forosisky said, "We are thrilled that Allied Specialty Foods is staying in Vineland, expanding operations, and adding more jobs. This is a great way to start off the new year. We are also excited at the opportunity to find a new business who might be interested in acquiring Allied's existing facility."

Vineland's City Council President and Economic Development Council Liaison Anthony Fanucci agreed, "Keeping Allied Specialty Foods in Vineland is an excellent example of the city's economic retention efforts, which are so instrumental to our future economic growth."

Founded in 1956, Allied Foods produces and distributes USDA-approved thin-sliced steak and chicken products for restaurant operators and retail outlets in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and some foreign U.S. military bases. The company's products are used in steak-based entrees or side dishes, including the famous Philly Cheesesteaks, fajitas, and other customized restaurant products.