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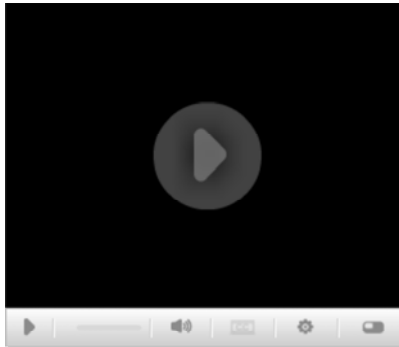
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Niowave was established five years ago. It was during a tough economic time overall for the state, but scientists like Jerry Hollister saw it as an opportunity and chose this location over any other. "You had facilities in mid-Michigan that had just recently shut down and we were able to re-purpose and re-direct those energies into a new market."

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The company employs 50 and is looking to hire 10-15 more this year. They're also expanding their location this year for more space to study and construct super-conducting particle accelerators.

Production of goods, manufacturing, and transportation and utilities are the three growing industries in the city which the mayor calls the "job growth trifecta."

Michigan Manufacturing Associations Chuck Hadden agrees that Lansing's growth will keep growing and soon spread throughout that rest of the state: "We are on the rise of the manufacturing think we are in a brand new era of manufacturing that's gonna show a lot of productivity, a lot of gains, you're gonna see a lot of brand new things happening."

Hollister sees this as another sign that Michigan is out of the recession. He will continue to be one of many workers in the business not giving up until they earn back a good economic reputation for the state: "Mid-Michigan is a great place to live, work, raise a family, and I believe we have turned that corner."

Take a look at the interactive map by MetroTrends: http://datatools.metrotrends.org/charts/metrodata/CESMap_files/CESMap.cfm?statids=30,29

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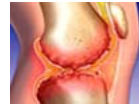
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