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Ampirical Breaks Ground on \$46.4M Headquarters Expansion, Adding \$16M in New Payroll
Investment brings high-wage engineering and technical careers to St. Tammany

COVINGTON, La. - Ampirical, a national provider of power system engineering and project delivery services, broke ground this week on a major expansion at its Covington headquarters near Ochsner Boulevard and Interstate 12. This new facility will support the company’s continued growth and the increasing demand for reliable electrical infrastructure.

Founded in Mandeville in 2006, Ampirical specializes in the design and construction of electrical substations and switchyards, protective relays and controls, transmission lines, distribution lines and related infrastructure. The company has grown from approximately 200 employees in 2021 to more than 600 nationwide, driven by its reputation for delivering innovative, grid-focused solutions for utilities and industrial customers.

“This expansion marks an exciting milestone for Ampirical,” said **Matthew Saacks, CEO of Ampirical**. “Our growth is a testament to the strength of our team and the trust our customers place in us. This new building will allow us to continue investing in our people, our technology, and our community as we shape the future of power delivery.”

Louisiana Economic Development (LED), St. Tammany Economic Development Corporation, and Greater New Orleans, Inc (GNO, Inc.) have assisted Ampirical’s team in implementing development plans to support the company’s growth in St. Tammany since 2017.

“Ampirical’s decision to expand its headquarters reflects the confidence companies have in Louisiana as a place where major projects move forward and supporting businesses grow alongside them,” **Louisiana Economic Development Secretary, Susan B. Bourgeois**, said. “As a key partner on some of our state’s most significant investments, Ampirical is scaling its operations to meet rising demand. This expansion will create new opportunities for skilled workers while reinforcing the critical infrastructure that powers Louisiana’s economy.”

Through a \$46.4 million capital investment, the headquarters expansion will create 175 new direct jobs in St. Tammany with an average annual salary of \$91,429, adding approximately \$16 million in new annual payroll. Ampirical will also retain 300 existing jobs, reinforcing long-term growth in the parish’s engineering and technical workforce.

“Ampirical’s expansion reflects the type of high-growth investment St. Tammany is working to attract—companies that create high-wage, highly skilled technical jobs in critical industries,” said

Russell Richardson, president and CEO of St. Tammany Economic Development Corporation.

“With average salaries exceeding \$90,000, this project draws innovative energy and engineering professionals while strengthening our regional workforce and long-term economic competitiveness.”

This project highlights Ampirical’s commitment to both St. Tammany and the Greater New Orleans region. The five-story facility will span approximately 90,800 square feet and feature collaborative workspaces designed to support Ampirical’s engineering, project management, and corporate operations.

“For two decades, Ampirical has been an outstanding partner and neighbor to the citizens of St. Tammany by investing in our community and creating jobs,” said **St. Tammany Parish President, Mike Cooper**. “This \$46 million expansion will create nearly 200 jobs for our parish and builds upon our collective commitment to creating a better tomorrow for our families.”

In 2024, Ampirical partnered with the Meta Hyperion artificial intelligence data center project in North Louisiana, providing engineering, procurement, and construction services for critical power transmission infrastructure. The project represents the largest EPC engagement in the company’s history and is already generating additional opportunities in this space further expanding Ampirical’s portfolio and illustrating how major statewide investments can generate ripple effects that strengthen Louisiana-based companies and supply chains.

“Ampirical is a fast-growing, innovative firm, and this headquarters expansion underscores why St. Tammany Parish continues to be a leading business location,” said **Michael Hecht, President and CEO of GNO, Inc.** “It has the right combination of talent, infrastructure, and business environment that companies seek out. Congrats to Ampirical CEO Matthew Saacks – we are amped up about your growth!”

To learn more about Ampirical, visit their website at [Ampirical.com](https://www.ampirical.com).

About St. Tammany Economic Development Corporation

As the economic development organization for St. Tammany, St. Tammany Economic Development Corporation (St. Tammany EDC) serves as the comprehensive resource center for business services throughout the parish. St. Tammany EDC’s services include business retention, site selection, workforce development, research and data services, state and local incentives, business attraction, talent retention, certified site development, relocation support, and marketing St. Tammany. Since the organization’s launch in 2018, St. Tammany EDC facilitated business expansion and attraction announcements representing over \$372.67 million in capital investment and 2,865 new and retained jobs in St. Tammany Parish. For more information about St. Tammany EDC, visit [sttammanyedc.org](https://www.sttammanyedc.org).

About Ampirical

Ampirical is a strategic partner in Engineering Power-ful SolutionsSM. From transmission and distribution engineering to complete power delivery solutions, we deliver reliable, sustainable infrastructure that keeps communities connected and industries growing. With decades of expertise and a focus on innovation, we help clients build stronger grids, smarter systems, and a resilient energy future.

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