

Corteva breaks ground on \$27.5M R&D lab in Midland

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Corteva Agriscience has announced the construction of a new research and development (R&D) lab at its Midland Industrial Park facility, marking a significant step in its commitment to innovation and sustainable agriculture.

The Midland Process Research & Development Lab will feature state-of-the-art analytical labs, wet chemistry labs, and continuous processing capabilities. Scheduled for completion in early 2027, the facility will integrate analytical science, chemistry, and engineering disciplines to drive advancements in crop protection and agricultural sustainability.

Gerd Dieterich, Midland Site Leader at Corteva, highlighted the lab's role in delivering cutting-edge technology to customers, stating, "This new facility will help us better deliver new technology to our customers and is expected to be operational in early 2027."

While the project will not create new jobs, it will support the retention of 45 high-quality positions in Midland.

Nicole Wilson, Vice President of Economic Development at the Midland Business Alliance, noted, "Corteva's \$27.5 million expansion will retain high-quality jobs and deepen its presence in Midland."

The project has received an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption from the City of Midland and is under consideration for additional state business development incentives. Local leaders view the investment as a reinforcement of Midland's

position as a hub for agricultural research.

Corteva's expansion aligns with other significant industrial developments in Midland, including DuPont's \$20 million expansion at its Specialty Electronic Materials facility, which is expected to create 20 new jobs. These projects underscore Midland's growing role as a center for science-driven innovation and economic growth.