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## Kao coming downtown

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Kao USA, the Japanese-owned consumer goods company, is moving downtown as the result of a job development agreement announced Tuesday by Gov. John Kasich, city officials and the Cincinnati USA Partnership.

The maker of brands such as Jergens, Curel and Biore skin care, Kao plans to add 50 research jobs at its manufacturing and research complex on Spring Grove Avenue in Camp Washington, and move 200 administrative jobs from Camp Washington to about 60,000 square feet of high-rise office space downtown.

Before the Kao announcement, Kasich stopped in Loveland to announce that 2-year-old Bioformix, a maker of environmentally friendly adhesives, coatings and sealants, plans to consolidate a Connecticut research operation with its headquarters here in an existing 24,000-square-foot building at 422 Wards Corner Road, creating 43 jobs and \$4.1 million in payroll.

Last month Bioformix, which received a \$200,000 investment in 2010 from CincyTech, was approved for a 50-percent, seven-year tax [credit](#) by the Ohio Tax Credit Authority. CincyTech is a local public-private organization that supports and funds tech startups

The announcements were the latest in a string of new job developments in southwest Ohio touted by Kasich.

“Ohio’s coming out of the doldrums,” he said at the Kao announcement.

The \$21 million Kao investment will generate \$3 million in new payroll by doubling Kao’s research space in Camp Washington and retaining the more than 500 employees it now has here, representing a \$50 million annual payroll.

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