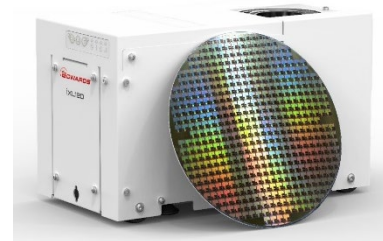




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Year Founded: 1919
Employees Worldwide: 7,000+
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Major Semiconductor supply chain manufacturer grows in the Greater Rochester, NY region

Edwards is a leading supplier of vacuum and abatement products, services, and solutions for the global semiconductor industry. For over 100 years, Edwards has been the partner of choice for tens of thousands of businesses in critical applications around the world. By design, Edwards dry pumps provide key vacuum pump capabilities for semiconductor production, helping in the control of process reaction rates of materials, and removing gasses and residues from the chambers. The abatement units remove then manage or destroy these gasses and residues to render them environmentally harmless or compliant.

Many of Edwards' major customers have announced investment plans in the US over the past year. To support US customers with a stable and resilient semiconductor infrastructure to keep up with the increase in demand and ensure the supply chain capacity is in place to accommodate growth, Edwards has committed to a new facility in the Western New York Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (WNY STAMP) mega site in Genesee County, New York.

The new building will provide modern facilities for employees, use advanced data technology as part of Edwards' 'factory of the future' strategy, state-of-the-art manufacturing and measurement equipment, a fully temperature-controlled machine shop, and a flexible manufacturing system to deliver the quality, operational excellence and productivity levels needed to support their customers' demands in a rapidly changing market. Over the next seven years, this \$319 million project is expected to create roughly 600 skill-based jobs within the Greater Rochester, NY region. Phase one of this project will include construction of a \$127 million high-tech manufacturing facility of approximately 240,000 sq. ft.

"Against a backdrop of growing demand, clearly showing a greater need for investment in manufacturing capabilities that are located close to our customers, we continue to commit to significant investment in our operational footprint," said Paul Neller, Interim President, Edwards Semiconductor. "This new investment represents an increase in local production to support Edwards' US customers and ensure the supply chain capacity needed in the semiconductor industry."



Why the Greater Rochester, NY region?

Edwards executives looked at sites in New York, Ohio, and Michigan for their new ‘factory of the future’. After evaluating numerous options, the Edwards team chose the Greater Rochester, NY region because of the highly skilled and available workforce. Greater Rochester’s robust support system for technical hands-on training, including 155 registered programs at Monroe Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Genesee Community College, RIT, and the FWD Center, gave Edwards leaders the confidence that workforce development was in place to support current and future talent needs. In addition, the expertise in semiconductor related R&D, chip design, instrumentation and control engineering, and advanced manufacturing present at more than 115 semiconductor suppliers operating in the region made Greater Rochester the ideal location for Edwards’ expansion.

The Western NY Science and Advanced Manufacturing Park (STAMP) in Genesee County is ideally suited to support Edwards’ goal to reduce its carbon footprint. Electricity for the facility will come from hydroelectric power from Niagara Falls, which reduces fossil fuel usage and aligns with Edwards’ carbon reduction goals as a company. Manufacturing Edwards’ products at STAMP will also lower emissions and transportation costs for shipping heavy equipment to customers in the US.

The data, analytics, and insightful counsel Greater Rochester Enterprise and Genesee County Economic Development Center provided to Edwards created a competitive advantage that set the Greater Rochester, NY region apart from other regions.