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# ABB's \$40M Albuquerque expansion receives planning approval



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An ABB employee assembles one of the company's Elastimold products, which are used alongside electric cable products.

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Plans to more than double the size of a multinational technology company's existing Albuquerque manufacturing facility through a \$40 million investment passed one planning checkpoint late last week.

The City of Albuquerque Environmental Planning Commission on Oct. 19 approved a request from Amerace Corp. – a product line under Switzerland-based global technology company [ABB](#) – to rezone a site in West Albuquerque for a large manufacturing expansion. [Kimley-Horn and Associates](#), based in Cary, North Carolina, is listed as the agent on the application.

The request calls for an approximately 93,000-square-foot expansion of an existing 92,658-square-foot warehouse at 6625 Bluewater Road NW. That expansion would include an additional manufacturing area and a customer experience center, among other facilities, according to City documents.

ABB, the global technology firm, first announced plans for the \$40 million Albuquerque expansion in late March. Previous [Albuquerque Business First reporting](#) shows the expansion could create 55 jobs.



A rendering of the ABB's planned 93,000-square-foot Albuquerque manufacturing facility. The facility will sit on the firm's current 40-acre campus off Bluewater Road NW.

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Manufacturing at the expanded facility will be part of ABB's installation products division, Ralph Donati, the executive vice president and general manager of the United States and Latin American regions for that division, told Business First in March. The site will make cable products used by electric utility providers in grid hardening and resiliency initiatives.

It'll also extend the company the state since 1973.

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The company is planning a formal groundbreaking in December and expects to begin construction on the facility in the first quarter of 2024, Donati said in a statement shared with Business First on Tuesday. The facility could be complete in the fourth quarter of 2024, and Donati said ABB is "working to finalize project agreements with the development and construction partners."

Hannah Anthony, public relations and media relations manager for ABB's installation products division, told Business First in March hiring for the facility will start as its construction ramps up, and positions the company plans to hire for include production, engineering and quality specialist roles.