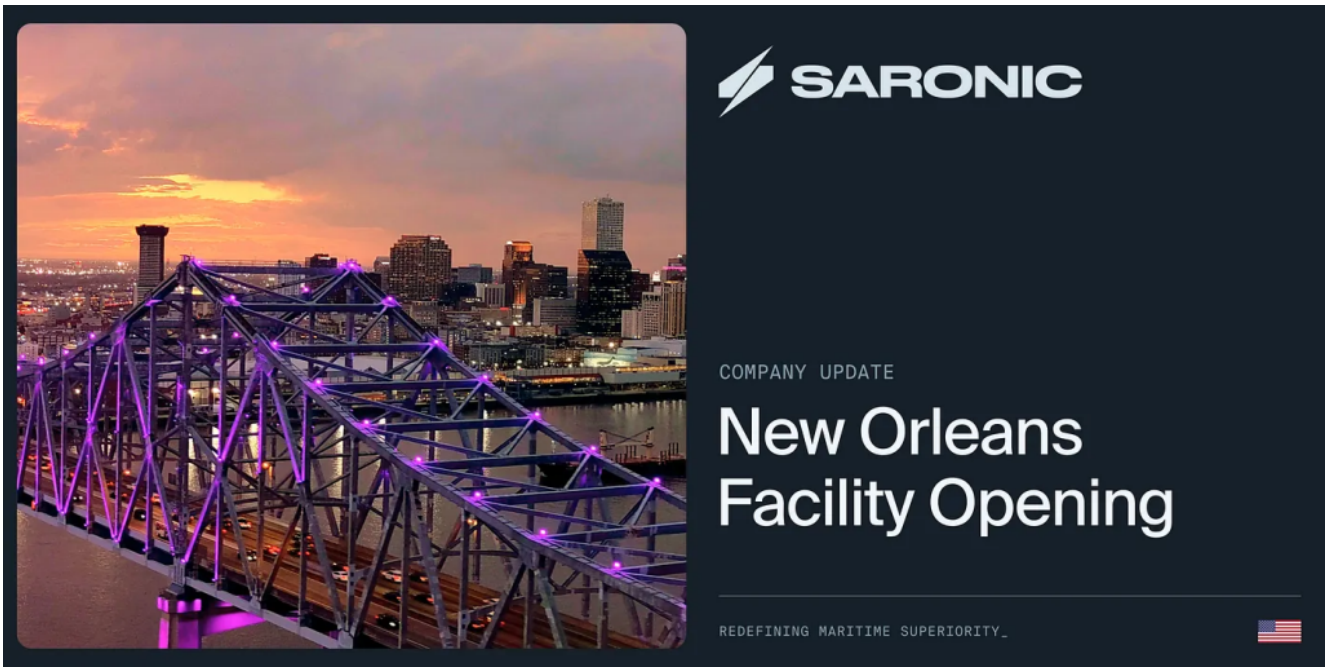
Saronic Announces New Downtown New Orleans Office to Accelerate Autonomous Shipbuilding



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Saronic today announced it is opening a nearly 15,000 square foot office in downtown New Orleans. The new space will serve as a key engineering and technical hub to support the company's expanding shipbuilding operations in Louisiana. By establishing a strong presence in the city, Saronic is deepening its roots in one of the nation's most historic and capable maritime regions — one with a strong, highly skilled maritime workforce.

The new office will house hardware engineers, naval architects, marine engineers, and experts in system testing to support the design and development of Marauder, Saronic's 180-foot autonomous ship. These vessels are produced at scale at the company's shipyard in Franklin, Louisiana, which is

undergoing a substantial expansion to further strengthen the state's role in helping drive next-generation maritime manufacturing. The office will provide vital technical connectivity across Saronic's Louisiana operations, linking advanced engineering and design functions with production and manufacturing capabilities in Franklin.

The company expects to hire more than 350 skilled workers across its operations in Louisiana this year. To help build a strong talent pipeline, Saronic is partnering with universities and technical institutions, offering internships and early-career opportunities for students pursuing jobs in engineering, naval architecture, and other marine disciplines. The company is also working with Louisiana Economic Development to build and integrate training programs into the workforce development process across the region.

"Louisiana has been at the center of American shipbuilding for generations, and New Orleans gives us direct access to the people and technical skills that make that possible," said Dino Mavrookas, Co-Founder and CEO of Saronic. "This facility builds on our growing investment in the state and strengthens the connection between our teams and Gulf Coast operations, allowing us to move faster as we field and deploy autonomous surface vessels and ships for both defense and commercial partners."

"This is a strong win for New Orleans and for our growing maritime and engineering economy. Saronic's decision to open their facilities in downtown New Orleans shows that companies see our city as a place where innovation, maritime expertise, and world-class talent come together," said Deputy Mayor Jenny Mains. "This investment brings high-quality technical and engineering opportunities for our workforce and aligns with Mayor Helena Moreno's 100-day plan to attract the next generation of industries and jobs to our city."

Hiring for Key Roles in Louisiana

Across all of Saronic’s operations, the company is united by a culture of ownership, accountability, and mission-driven innovation. Full-time employees share in the company’s success through equity participation and receive a comprehensive benefits package designed to support both personal and professional growth. Team members are offered comprehensive health coverage, a 401(k) plan with company matching, generous paid time off and holidays, and fully paid parental leave. Saronic also provides supplemental benefits that support family building, overall wellness, and long-term financial security.