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PARIS, Ill. (AP) — The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is giving an auto parts maker \$4.4 million in tax breaks and other incentives after the company agreed to add 300 jobs at its plant in eastern Illinois.

The department said Thursday that North American Lighting Inc. will add the jobs at its plant in Paris as part of a \$50 million expansion. The auto lighting company currently has more than 870 employees in Paris.

The incentives include \$3.2 million in tax breaks. Another \$1 million will be given to the company as a grant and an additional \$150,000 will be provided for employee training.

North American Lighting is a subsidiary of Japan's Koito Manufacturing Co. Ltd. It is based in Paris and has other Illinois plants in Salem and Flora.

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