

SUNTRON CORPORATION TO CUT JOBS



The odds are good that unless you work in the field of electronics you have not heard of Suntron Corp. The company [describes itself](#) in the following terms, "Suntron Corporation delivers complete vertically integrated electronics manufacturing services and solutions to support complex products within the Aerospace, Defense, Industrial, Medical, Network & Telecommunications, and Semiconductor Capital Equipment market segments." Basically the company specializes in the assembly of printed circuit boards and large-scale integration projects, primarily for other companies instead of making direct to consumer products. The company, which is based in Phoenix Arizona, is getting ready to get rid of a significant number of workers in the state of Texas. The job cuts are all coming thanks to a plant closure at the facility the company currently maintains in Sugar Land, Texas. That facility will be shut down in an attempt to consolidate the companies manufacturing efforts and reduce their overall costs. The closure of the Sugar Land facility is set to impact the jobs of 95 workers, according to the information found on the Worker Adjustment Retraining Notification Act (WARN) notice that the company was required to file with the state of Texas's Workforce Commission. They were required to file that notice because this level of job cuts is enough to qualify as a mass layoff action under federal guidelines. Under those guidelines any layoff that is set to impact more than 50 workers at a single location requires an advance notice that allows workers at least some time to find new positions. In the current economy however that window can seem to be painfully short for most workers who receive a WARN notice. On the bright side workers who have been paying attention to the news about their company have actually had a lot more time to plan their job search strategy. The company made its initial announcement about the closure of the facility back in October of last year. Workers who got the bad news then have had about seven months to write those resumes, sharpen their interview skills and get out onto the open market in search of work while they still have a steady income. Though given the state of manufacturing jobs in the current economy this amount of time may seem to many job seekers to be a completely insufficient amount of time to find a new position. Some of the jobs will be moved to a number of the company's other production facilities scattered across the nation. For the time being the company has been fairly mum about just how many of the jobs will be moved to new facilities or which of the facilities will be the happy recipient of the extra jobs. While this good news will likely give little hope to the now displaced workers in the state of Texas any added jobs to the economy, or mitigation of their loss, is an important step in the right direction. None of the workers who are going to be cut are members of a union. They will be put out of a job sometime between the 3rd of August and the 27th of December.

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