



Board Bulletin

December 5, 2014

Economic Development Update

Active Projects – The current number of active projects is thirty-three (33). There was one (1) additional active project added in the past 30 days. The lead for this project was self-generated by the EDC.

Also, one (1) formerly active project is no longer considering North Carolina or Stanly County.

There were two (2) additional projects added to the suspect list during the past 30 days. One (1) of the leads came from the new NC Economic Development Partnership and the other lead was generated by an EDC ally.

There were a total of six (6) meetings and/or site visits with prospective businesses or existing industries seeking to expand in the past 30 days.

Further, the EDC staff called on five (5) existing industries/businesses as part of the EDC's business retention efforts.

Other Initiatives/Activities

- The EDC hosted a business breakfast series seminar on Thursday, December 4 at Stanly Community College (SCC). The seminar focused on the new advanced manufacturing and industrial technology training assets at SCC.
- On November 24 staff met with the Timmons Group to review and continue the evaluation of potential new industrial park sites in Stanly County.
- EDC staff attended the Alcoa Community Advisory meeting on November 18 to receive updates regarding the marketing and activity associated with the Badin Business Park.
- The EDC staff attended the For Stanly Board of Directors meeting on November 14 in support of Stanly Community College's grant request for phase 2 of the Advanced Manufacturing and Industrial Technology (AMIT) Center implementation.
- EDC staff attended the Rural Center's Rural Assembly event in Raleigh on October 30.

Library Implements New Job Search Tool

The Stanly County Library is leading the way in the Charlotte region when it comes to assisting citizens with exploring job and career opportunities.

Earlier this week the Library staff received training from the Centralina Workforce Development Board on the use and implementation of a new on-line career and job search tool called Career Headlight.

Career Headlight is designed to help individuals explore their best career options in the Charlotte region. Users are able to identify careers that match their specific skills and interests. Further, users can explore up-to-date information about careers including salaries, job availability, as well as education and training options available in the Charlotte region.

The library staff is to be commended for seeking to identify programs and tools relevant to the community's needs and consistent with the Board's goal of growing our local economy.

Please note the Stanly County Library system is the first library system, in the nine (9) county Centralina Council of Governments region, to seek this training and implement the Career Headlight tool.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, December 15
7:00 PM

Commons Meeting Room