

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SOUTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATTENDS BCEDC BOARD MEETING

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation invited SOUTHARK Community College in El Dorado to speak at the November Board Meeting. Dr. Barbara Jones, President and Jamie McConathy, Dean of Continuing Education presented a very informative program.

Dr. Jones discussed the four (4) programs SOUTHARK offers. One of their largest programs is the Health and Natural Sciences program. Health Science classes are offered at the Bradley County Medical Center's Brunson Complex. Dr. Jones also described the nursing

program offered in Warren. The other programs offered at SOUTHARK are Technology and Business, Liberal Arts and Continuing Education. Dr. Jones expressed her plans to expand these programs into the Warren area.

Jamie McConathy discussed SOUTHARK's Continuing Education Program. She provided examples of classes that could be offered in Bradley County. She described possible bilingual classes for industry, one day computer seminars, specific industrial training classes (customized for specific in-

dustries), and fun hands-on classes retailers could offer.

SOUTHARK services Ashley Co., Bradley Co., Chicot Co., and Union Co. Dr. Jones and Ms. McConathy stated that SOUTHARK's goal is to work with the communities to identify what programs are needed for the economic advancement of the areas.

Dr. Jones and Ms. McConathy both expressed the need for input from the community. If you have an idea or a training need please contact BCEDC or SOUTHARK.

BCEDC BOARD MEETING WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS

For the past eight (8) months the Bradley County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC) has invited a different Bradley County Industry to attend the monthly board meeting. So far BCEDC has met with Ashcraft Wood Products, Maxwell Flooring, Orthoflex Saddle Works, Bradley Brand Furniture, Oasis Trading LLC, Potlatch, Morris Hatchery in Hermitage and Armstrong Hardwood Flooring. Each industry has generously provided an overview of their

industry. The industries have provided information to BCEDC that helps BCEDC to better understand the needs of the employers in Bradley County. With this knowledge BCEDC is striving to provide assistance to employers to sustain and expand industry in Bradley County.

In 2013, BCEDC will continue to meet with Bradley County industries, the school systems, Bradley County Medical Center, and the Human Development Center.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT EACH INDUSTRY	
Ashcraft Flooring	22
Ouachita Hardwood	29
Townsend Flooring	15
Bradley Brand Furniture	12
Oasis Trading	29
Potlatch	170
Morris Hatchery	8
Armstrong Flooring	250
TOTAL # EMPLOYEES	535

BCEDC can help your business in such areas as:

- Land and building acquisitions
- Financial packaging
- Demographic and economic data
- Incentive packaging
- Workforce training
- Plant expansions
- Entrepreneurial and small business development

BCEDC
Is also affiliated with:

- Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition
- Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority
- Arkansas Heavy Equipment Training Program
- TEAMUP/WAGE-Southeast Arkansas Community Based
- Arkansas Small Business and Technology Dev. Ctr. @UAM

BCEDC PARTNERING WITH...

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation's mission is to increase the employment opportunities for the residents of Bradley County. BCEDC knows that having a trained workforce is essential to job creation.

BCEDC is partnering with SEAC-BEC, UAM—Ark Small Business and Technology Development Center and South Arkansas Community College to promote training opportunities. By working with these organizations our goal is to reach all aspects of employee and employer training needs.

If you as an employee, employer or a potential new business owner has a training need or a need for information, please contact BCEDC.

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MEMBERSHIP

Call or come by our office to pick-up membership information.

Consider becoming a BCEDC member. Bradley County needs your involvement and your vision for continued economic growth.

BUSINESS CONSULTING

Are you in need of a business consultant for a new or existing business?

BCEDC is hosting FREE business consulting by UAM—ASBTDC the third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Call BCEDC for appointment 870-226-3760

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BCEDC Mission Statement

To enhance and sustain the economic climate of Bradley County by increasing the employment opportunities for the residents of the county

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Bradley County **WAGE** Program (Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy)
SEACBEC

WAGE is a job readiness program that offers work-based certificates focusing on core job skills determined by employers.

WAGE includes math, reading, writing, communication, and computer skills.

WAGE offers six certificates:

Employability

Customer Service I & II

Clerical

Bank Teller

Industrial

WAGE is **FREE** to employers, employees, and potential employees.

For information contact:

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870-226-6920

BUSINESS INCUBATOR SPACE AVAILABLE IN WARREN

The City of Warren has available two (2) entrepreneurial office spaces for rent in the old Warren Armory building.

The City will rent this space to entrepreneurs for \$300.00 per month with all utilities paid. (telephone and internet not included)

If interested contact the City of Warren at 870-226-6743

DON'T FORGET

MONDAYS AT MOLLY'S

7:00 am

This is a public forum meeting. BCEDC wants to hear what's happening with Bradley County businesses and how we can assist.

The economic growth of Bradley County needs everybody's ideas.