

BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BCEDC—A Year in Review 2015

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation has enjoyed an exciting 2015. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the local businesses and residents that have contributed to BCEDC’s productive year.

BCEDC continued to strive to serve the existing businesses and industries in Bradley County. We also continued to promote the area’s available industrial properties and to work with potential new industries.

In 2015, the BCEDC Board of Directors invited business and community leaders to address the Board. These meetings provided an avenue for BCEDC to learn where our industries are thriving and where BCEDC can help. During the year the BCEDC Board met with Ozark Mountain Poultry, Potlatch, Maxwell Hardwood – Ouachita Hardwood – Townsend Flooring, and Armstrong Hardwood Flooring who hosted the BCEDC board at their facility. The BCEDC Board of Directors also met with the local Nation Guard, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad, Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, and Entergy – CLEAResult Program Manager.

BCEDC continued to hold the Existing Business and Industry Meetings, jointly with SEACBEC, in which we worked to identify ways to improve the local workforce. During 2015 BCEDC and SEACBEC met with local industries, privately, to pinpoint the specific types of job training that would benefit their companies. In October 2015, UAM received a planning grant from the State of Arkansas to organize a regional workforce training group, the Workforce Alliance of Southeast Arkansas. BCEDC has joined the Alliance as an economic development partner.

BCEDC understands the importance of working for and with our existing businesses and industries. We appreciate the commitment and hard work our existing businesses and industries contribute to the community. We realize the essential opportunities they provide to our workforce. BCEDC is available and wants to contribute to the needs of our employers, where and when possible.

BCEDC promoted employment opportunities for our residents by working closely with the Arkansas Department of Workforces. BCEDC also allowed ESA of Monticello and Express Personnel of Pine Bluff to use the BCEDC office space to take applications and interview potential employees. With the cooperation of our local employers we continued to post available job openings in the BCEDC Newsletter, on Saline River Chronicle and in the Eagle Democrat.

BCEDC also understands the importance of new business growth. BCEDC continually promotes Warren’s and Bradley County’s available industrial properties on the bced-car.com website and on the arkansassite-selection.com website. We are always in search of affordable ways to promote the available industrial properties.

Working with new industrial prospects is ongoing. This can be a lengthy process, but BCEDC continues to work toward a favorable conclusion in the New Year.

YOU ARE INVITED

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation invites those interested in joining our organization to become a BCEDC Member.

We always welcome new members and new ideas. It is important to BCEDC that our membership be representative of the community. For the Warren, Bradley County community to be fully represented we need a continually expanding and diverse membership. BCEDC is most effective when all persons interested in improving the economic climate of Bradley County join together to discuss and express all ideas. It is important that all ideas are expressed, listened to, and debated. Without discussion there tends to be a lack of understanding, by everyone.

Please contact BCEDC for membership information at 870-226-3760 or at bradleycountycidc@sbcglobal.net.

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES?

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 Affiliated With:

- Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition
- Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority
- Arkansas Heavy Equipment Training Program
- Southeast Arkansas Community Based Education Center
- Arkansas Small Business and Technology Dev. Ctr. @UAM
- Bradley County Chamber of Commerce

January 2016— Jobs Update			January 2015— Jobs		
Bradley Co. Employers	# Emp.	Openings		# Emp.	Openings
AR Superior Federal CU	14	0		13	0
Armstrong Flooring	242	3		251	1
Ashcraft Wood Products	24	0		20	0
Bradley Brand Furniture	5	0		5	3
Bradley County	68	0		68	0
Bradley Co. Medical Ctr.	270	23		253	11
Chapel Woods Health & Rehab	107	7		Unavailable	Unavailable
City of Hermitage	6	0		6	0
City of Warren	43	2		52	1
First Presbyterian Childcare Ctr	23	0*		22	0
First State Bank of Warren	31	0		31	0
Fulghum Fibers	10	0		10	0
Hermitage Schools	82	1		82	0
New Beginnings, CASA	18	2		18	0
Oasis Trading	41	0		44	0
OK Foods	19	0		15	1
Ouachita Hardwood	45	0*		41	0
Ozark Mountain Poultry	320	1		230	1
Potlatch	168	0		161	8
SE AR Community Action Corp.	79	0		86	3
SE AR Human Dev. Ctr.	250	47		279	18
Super Valu Foods	59	1**		57	1
The Mad Butcher	60	2***		63	2
Townsend Flooring	28	0*		30	0
UAMS/KIDS FIRST—Warren	16	2		19	0
Union Bank	8	0		8	0
Warren Bank & Trust	37	0		38	0
Warren School Dist.	289	5		296	2
TOTAL	2362	96		2199	52

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

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JOB OPENINGS AT:

Armstrong Flooring: Has 3-job openings. Interested candidates should apply at ESA in Monticello. Permanent positions may be found at www.armstrong.com as they become available.

Bradley Co. Medical Center: Has employment opportunities for RN, LPN, Nursing Asst, CNA, Medical Laboratory Tech, Ward Clerk/ Aide, and a SCU Therapist. Employment opportunities are posted online at www.bradleycountymedicalcenter.com for full-time, part-time and PRN positions.

Chapel Woods Health & Rehab: Has job openings for 3-LPN and 4-CNA. For additional information and to apply call 870-226-6766.

City of Warren: Has job openings for 2-Police Officers. Contact the Warren Police Dept. for additional information. 870-226-3701

Hermitage Schools: Has a job opening for a bus driver. For additional information go to: www.hermitageschools.org click on Administration and then on Job Listing. To apply contact the Superintendent's Office at 870-463-2246.

New Beginnings, CASA: Has 2- opening for a Security Person. To apply and for additional information. Call 870-226-9970.

Ozark Mountain Poultry: Always looking for good production workers with 6-months poultry experience. Contact the Arkansas Workforce Center in Monticello, AR at 870-367-2476 for employment information.

SE AR Human Development Ctr.: Openings of salaried positions are advertised in the Shoppers Guide. For information on all job openings and to apply please go to

www.arstatejobs.com

The Mad Butcher: Has 2-full time openings. Job applications are taken on Mondays, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Mad Butcher.

UAM/KIDS FIRST-Warren: Has jobs open for 1-Early Childhood Developmental Specialists II and 1-Child Development Technician. Apply online at www.uams.edu/jobs

Warren School Dist.: Has job openings for 2-licensed positions and 3-certified positions. For details on job openings and to apply contact the Warren School Dist. at 870-226-6738 or online at www.warrend.org

If interested in any of the listed jobs, please contact the company directly. GOOD LUCK!

*Taking Applications **Applications on Thur. ***Applications on Mon., 1-4 pm

BCEDC Expresses Sincere Gratitude To:

BCEDC wants to express our sincere gratitude to all of the above listed companies for taking the time to provide BCEDC with the listed employment information.

We understand that all of the companies are very busy. We know that staff and time are precious commodities, which must be utilized wisely. Each month when these companies are contacted, for their updated information, they graciously provide the requested information.

BCEDC hopes that by publishing this information to the public we are providing a service to those seeking employment as well as to those companies looking for employees.

If companies not listed above, would like to contribute their employment information to our publication please contact us at 870-226-3760.

2015—2016 EMPLOYMENT COMPARISON

Since we are starting a new year, I thought it would be informative to compare Bradley County's 1/2015 employment numbers with the 1/2016 data.

The chart above shows where companies have gained and lost employees in 2015. But, the overall data indicates that the number of employees and the job openings have grown during 2015.

Our goal is to help further increase the job growth in the New Year.