

**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

# BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## ATTRACTING NEW INDUSTRY TO BRADLEY COUNTY?

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation strives to increase the employment opportunities of the residents of Warren and Bradley County.

BCEDC continues to market the available industrial sites to potential new industries. BCEDC's goal is to attract new, high paying, large national or international industries, but it takes a very long time to attract and or sell this type industry on a location.

National and international industries are not only comparing Bradley County location to other surrounding areas but to global locations.

Prospects are looking for sites that are shovel ready. They must have sufficient water and sewer access to operate any manufacturing process. Energy, both electric and gas, must be to site and in loads to run unknown demands. Fiber optics, high speed internet, must also be to site in quantities to accommodate significant use.

In addition to physical needs industrial prospects are demanding a highly trained local workforce. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission states that a community needs to identify

their target industry and prepare their available workforce. For example, if a community wants to attract a high tech industry the local workforce should be trained to a quality that would be more attractive to a prospect than other competing communities.

BCEDC, Warren and Bradley County are working together to provide this infrastructure to available industrial property and sites in Bradley County. Plans are progressing on the water and sewer lines around the bypass, which will provide water to industrial property on the bypass. There is ongoing clearing on an industrial site around the bypass. The fiber optics laid by SATCO in Bradley County is a highly desirable addition to the local infrastructure. The PREP program is preparing BCEDC, the City of Warren and Bradley County for any potential site visit.

In addition to all of this preparation the Bradley County industrial sites are being marketed through the websites [arkansasiteselection.com](http://arkansasiteselection.com) and [bcedcar.com](http://bcedcar.com). Please visit these websites for more information on available industrial property in Bradley County and how these properties are marketed.

## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Small business development is one of the best forms of economic development.

BCEDC supports and encourages small business development by partnering with the UAM-AR Small Business and Technology Development Center.

BCEDC hosts the UAM-ASBTDC's **FREE** business consultant every 3rd Tuesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. In addition to one on one counseling **FREE** online classes are offered by ASBTDC.

If anyone is thinking of starting a business or has an existing small business BCEDC encourages them to visit the ASBTDC website at [www.uamont.edu/sbt/dc/](http://www.uamont.edu/sbt/dc/) and see what is offered. Some of the **FREE** on-line classes available are "Management Training Courses", "Crafting A Business Plan", "Strategic Planning and Execution", "The Entrepreneurial Strategies" and "Hiring and Managing Employees".

BCEDC is striving to provide on-site classes to benefit small business owners. In the near future we hope to partner with additional agencies which will allow BCEDC to offer **FREE** on-site classes for small business owners.

### BCEDC Is 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
- Bradley County Chamber of Commerce

## June Jobs Update

Bradley Co. Employers	# Emp.	Vacancies
Armstrong Flooring	330	5
Ashcraft Wood Products	15	0
Bradley Brand Furniture	10	2-3
Bradley Co.	71	0
Bradley Co. Medical Ctr.	230	15
City of Hermitage	7	0
City of Warren	35	1
Hermitage Schools	85	6
The Mad Butcher	55	4
Morris Hatchery	13	0
Oasis Trading	29	0
Ouachita Hardwood	32	0*
Potlatch	158	3
SE AR Human Dev. Ctr.	266	5
Super Valu Foods	56	0
Townsend Flooring	15	0*
Warren School Dist.	288	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>41-42</b>

\* Taking Applications

## JOB OPENINGS AT:

**Mad Butcher Foods of Warren Division of Food Giant Inc. Sikeston MO.**

**Part-time, Full-time and Management Positions Available**

**Benefits Available** after Introductory Period for Full Time:

Medical, Dental, Vision, Cancer Policy, Medical Bridge Policy, Term Life Insurance

Short and Long-Term Disability, Hospitalization Pay, Sick Pay Weekly Indemnity Plan

Paid Vacations, Holiday Pay, Retirement-Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

Applications available at Mad Butcher. 315 S Martin, Warren AR.

**Accepting Applications on Monday's 1pm to 4pm.**

## HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

### 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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## WHY SHOULD I BE A BCEDC MEMBER ???

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation invites the concerned residents of Bradley County to join BCEDC in membership.

BCEDC is a non-profit economic development organization that contracts with the city of Warren to act as the economic development agency for the city and all of Bradley County. BCEDC is dedicated to the economic growth of Bradley County.

The BCEDC goal is to increase and sustain employment opportunities in Bradley County. BCEDC works to promote new businesses in the county and continually reaches out to existing industries to identify their needs.

BCEDC recognizes that there are many innovative ideas in the county and we would like to discuss them. Please decide to join BCEDC and share your ideas for economic growth.

## SEACBEC "ADULT ED TRAINING"

SEACBEC provides many types of "Adult Ed Training", which contributes to Bradley County's workforce preparedness.

WAGE, one of the available training programs, is designed to ensure that the unemployed and underemployed have the basic academic skills necessary to become employed and stay successful in the workplace. WAGE is a **FREE** job readiness program that offers work-based certificates focusing on core job skills which are determined essential by employers. Six certificate types are offered by the WAGE program; employability, industrial, clerical, bank teller, customer service I & II. Earning certificates can open employment doors.

Other "Adult Ed Training" programs offered at SEACBEC are the Heavy Equipment Training and Early Childhood Education programs.

For additional information contact Ladonna Mathur at 870-226-6920.

## MOLLY'S

**Every Monday at 7:00 am**

This public forum meeting encourages the discussion of topics important to Bradley County residents. BCEDC wants to hear what's happening with Bradley County businesses and how we can assist.

**Please make the time to meet Mondays at 7:00 am.**