

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WATCH US GROW

ARMSTRONG HARDWOOD FLOORING

Congratulation and Thank You !

BCEDC and Warren are very excited about Armstrong’s expansion to a third shift and the hiring of 108 new employees. BCEDC appreciates the opportunities that Armstrong are providing to our residents. This expansion shows economic growth in Bradley Co. which, is favorable for attracting new industries to our area.

WALGREENS PHARMACY

WELCOME!

BCEDC welcomes Walgreens to Warren. It is encouraging to see a large national chain store choose to come to Warren. BCEDC sees Walgreens’ confidence in our community as an excellent economic indicator. We believe that the success of Walgreens will bring additional growth to our area.

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

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY TECH—SAU TECH

Chancellor Corbet Lamkin of Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden spoke at BCEDC’s February 25th Board Meeting.

Dr. Lamkin provided the Board with a historic overview of SAU Tech and discussed the programs offered by the college. Dr. Lamkin explained that SAU Tech is the only college located in a private Industrial Park. SAU Tech was formed in 1967 to serve as a training facility for Highland Industrial Park in Camden.

Dr. Lamkin stated that SAU Tech’s Multi-Media Technology program is the best in the nation. Their students have worked on Oscar winning movies as well as the recently completed movie

“Mud”. Dr. Lamkin went on to discuss the other programs offered at SAU Tech. The Industrial Maintenance program teaches basic electricity, basic machine tools, digital and semiconductor circuits and more. SAU Tech meets once a year with an advisory board to identify ways to better serve the industries. He also discussed the Aviation Maintenance program. This is a 2 year program that prepares students to work as aircraft maintenance technicians. The Aero-Space Defense Training Program was also discussed. Dr. Lamkin explained that if students in this program pass the three required college classes, the defense industry will waive the 1 year manufacturing

requirement for employment. Dr. Lamkin stated that the Welding Academy housed at Magnolia accepts 15 students a year and will weld 1000 hours in a 9 month period. The students will earn a NCCR Accreditation which is accepted in industries worldwide. Other programs offered at SAU Tech are Nursing, Environmental Science, Computer Information Technology, Fire Training Academy, Engineering Technology and others.

Dr. Lamkin explained that thanks to High Speed Internet; Fiber Optics, provided by SATCO all of SAU Tech’s degrees are obtainable online and could be taught remotely to students in Warren.

Judy Adams from the Human Development Center has agreed to speak at the March 25th Board Meeting.

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

ENTREPRENEURIALSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN WARREN

BCEDC believes that our best source of economic growth comes from existing industries, other existing businesses and small business development.

BCEDC, The City of Warren, Bradley County and the Chamber of Commerce are working together to develop programs and provide opportunities to the people in our community.

The City of Warren operates a Business Incubator in the Old Armory building on Martin Street. This entrepreneurial office space is available for \$300.00 per month and includes all utilities. (telephone and internet not included) For additional information contact the City of Warren at 870-226-6743.

To further assist entrepreneurs and small businesses BCEDC hosts the UAM—ASBTDC business consultant the third Tuesday of each month. Appointments may be set at additional times during the month if necessary. This service is provided for **FREE**. The business

consultant will assist her clients with loan proposals, business plans, market research, money management, marketing, general management and government contracting requirements. These services are available for start-up businesses, existing businesses and expansions. To make an appointment with the business consultant call BCEDC at 870-226-3760.

The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring The Bradley County Job Fair, which will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Immanuel Baptist Church Activity Building, located at 701 West Pine St, Warren. This event will provide economic growth to the area not only by assisting people in finding jobs or better paying jobs but employers will also benefit by acquiring reliable workers so their businesses will continue to expand. For additional information contact David King at 870-226-5225.

Bradley County **WAGE** Program (**W**orkforce **A**lliance for **G**rowth in the **E**conomy)

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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Prospect Readiness Education Program—PREP

The City of Warren, Bradley County, The Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, Bradley County Economic Development Corp. and groups of local officials and business leaders are participating in AEDC's Prospect Readiness Education Program (PREP).

This program is designed to prepare our community for prospect visits from potential new industries. The process involves the joint efforts of the assembled group to prepare lengthy fact finding documents. Once these documents are reviewed and approved by AEDC, they will schedule a "mock" site visit in Warren. This will be conducted as an actual prospect site visit.

The information we gather from this training will prove invaluable when the next prospect considers locating in Bradley County.

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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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MEMBERSHIP

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

PLEASE MEET

AT

MOLLY'S

Every Monday at 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 relies on everybody's input.