

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

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

LOCAL INDUSTRIES CONTINUE TO MEET WITH BCEDC

The Bradley County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC) is continuing to invite Bradley County industries to provide updates to their monthly board meeting. Ashcraft Wood Products, Maxwell Flooring, Orthoflex Saddle Works, Bradley Brand Furniture, Oasis Trading LLC, Potlatch and Morris Hatchery in Hermitage have provided very informative and beneficial reports.



POTLATCH CORP.

plained that they purchase green lumber and dry it in their 16 dry kilns. Once it is dried the lumber goes through the rough mill and then made into flooring. Next it is sent down the finish line and then to the warehouse. Mr. Reep explained that they will rip 750,000 to 800,000 ft. in a week. They will finish 80,000 to 100,000 ft. a day. He explained the type of flooring produced at this location is made of three types of wood; Red Oak, White Oak, and some Ash. It is 2 1/4 or 3 1/4 inches in width.

Mr. Reep advised that they currently have 250 employees and run very efficiently. He explained that they have a good workforce and are always looking for good employees.

MORRIS HATCHERY



BCEDC will invite the remaining local industries to meet with their board. BCEDC wants to work with all industries to identify ways in which to assist their companies.

BCEDC is grateful to Bradley County Industries for taking time to meet with the Board and provide information that allows BCEDC to better serve Bradley County.



ARMSTRONG FLOORING

Armstrong Hardwood Flooring's representative, Marty Reep, presented an update on their company to the October 29, 2012 BCEDC Board Meeting. Mr. Reep provided a very informative historical overview of the Armstrong Flooring Plant.

Mr. Reep explained the manufacturing process involved in producing finished hardwood flooring. He ex-

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 MEMBERSHIP

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation would like to invite you to join us as our continuing work to strive to produce and maintain employment opportunities in Bradley County. If we work

together and share ideals and goals Bradley County will benefit.

BCEDC and Bradley County needs people who want to work to improve our community.

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MEMBERSHIP

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

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

FREE BUSINESS CONSULTING

If you are considering opening a new business or you own a small business BCEDC and the UAM—AR Small Business and Technology Development Center (ASBTDC) can assist you.

Ms. Henry, the ASBTDC business consultant provides **FREE** business consulting at the BCEDC office, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm the third Tuesday of each month.

Some of the services provided are assisting with loan proposals, business plans, market research, money management, marketing, general management and government contracting requirements.

If you would like to schedule an appointment please contact BCEDC: 870-226-3760.

FREE JOB READINESS TRAINING

BCEDC is promoting the employment training capabilities at **SEACBEC**. Having a trained workforce benefits employers and employees. It is also attractive to prospective new industries to offer a trained labor force .

The Southeast Arkansas Community Based Education Center, **SEACBEC** offers vocational training skills classes, industry training, adult basic education, child care, college classes and testing services.

- The classes at **SEACBEC** are **FREE** to any adult 18 years or older.
- Day and evening classes
- Free transportation in Warren City limits on the Adult Ed. Bus. Route
- Classes offered for GED, basic skills tutoring, basic Computer literacy, employability training, WAGE Certifications, and more.*

* Information obtained from SEACBEC .COM

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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

(**W**orkforce Alliance for Growth 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** is FREE to employers, employees, and potential employees.

For information contact:

Suzanne Tucker, **WAGE** Coordinator

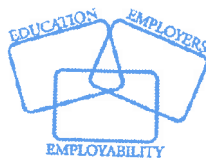
Theresa Cooper, **WAGE** Assistant

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

WAGE offers six certificates:

- Employability
- Customer Service I & II
- Clerical
- Bank Teller
- Industrial



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.