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– July 2010 Update –

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26 @ 9:00 a.m. – Senator Bedford will announce funding for Industrial Park Project.

August 9 @ 5:00 p.m. – Russellville Industrial Development Board July Meeting

August 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> FCDA and Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) will sponsor AIDT Leadership Certification Course at Best Western, Russellville. To register contact Sherye at 256-332-8726 or [sprice@franklineda.com](mailto:sprice@franklineda.com). If you cannot make this class, it will be offered again at the end of the month.

August 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> FCDA will attend the SEDC/BREI Conference.

August 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual NAIDA Conference (North Alabama Industrial Development Association) will be held in Huntsville.

August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup> AIDT Leadership Certification Course – 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to receive certification.

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day Holiday

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Russellville Industrial Development Board September Meeting

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Business & Industry Leadership Meeting

September 21<sup>st</sup> – FCDA 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting



**MG INDUSTRIAL PARK RECEIVES FUNDING FOR UPGRADES** – State Senator Roger Bedford announced on July 26<sup>th</sup> that the Alabama Bond Commission, on which he serves as a member has secured \$195,000 for needed upgrades to the 190 acre industrial park. The funds will be used to prepare a pad ready site for a future company or speculative building and be used to extend an existing road along with other aesthetic improvements. The MG Industrial Park is the only park in the county and was the third in the state to be designated an AdvantageSite by State officials.



**ALABAMA STATE SENATOR ROGER BEDFORD SECURED \$650,000 FUNDING FOR SEWER PROJECT IN THE PHIL CAMPBELL INDUSTRIAL PARK. - MAY 2010** *“Infrastructure is a vitally important element in recruiting industry. The days of showing a cotton field to a prospective industry is long past. This funding for sewer will ensure that Phil Campbell and Franklin County is well positioned to recruit new industry and support the companies already located in Franklin County,”* stated Sen. Bedford. The 83 acre Phil Campbell Industrial Park is currently the only rail served site in Franklin County and is on the four-lane of Alabama Highway 13.



**FCDA AND TVA CONDUCT A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY - MAY 2010.** Kristi Brown, TVA Project Manager-Community Development and Craig Linhoss, TVA Project Manager-Economic Development presented TVA’s Community Strategic Plan Program to a group of community leaders in Franklin County. The goal of TVA’s Community Strategic Plan Program is to set priorities, action plans, and ensure that these goals are within the scope of economic development in Franklin County. The process involved two meetings hosted by FCDA. Local community leaders representing: municipalities, industrial development, education, utilities, chamber, industry, and banking were invited to participate in the development of a 3-year Strategic Plan for Franklin County.



**TOYOTA TO RESTART STALLED MISSISSIPPI PLANT** – Toyota announced last month that they plan to restart production at the delayed Blue Springs, Mississippi plant. They expect to create 2,000 jobs and be running by the fall of next year. The Blue Springs plant will make 150,000 Corolla compact cars a year. [http://www.usatoday.com/money/autos/2010-06-17-mississippi-toyota\\_N.htm?POE=click-refer](http://www.usatoday.com/money/autos/2010-06-17-mississippi-toyota_N.htm?POE=click-refer)

## FRANKLIN COUNTY INDUSTRY

### Russellville

Alabama Stone Company  
Alaco Sales  
B & B Roadway  
Causey Lyon Enterprises  
Clark Pulley Industries  
Distinctive Designs Int'l  
Doors & More, Inc.  
FMI Products, LLC  
Fab Masters  
Franklin Homes, Inc.  
Franklin Manufacturing  
G & G Steel, Inc.  
Garrett Welding Services  
Leisure Creations  
Northwest Alabama Marble Company  
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation  
Road Gear & Truck Equip.  
Russellville Cut Stone  
Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics  
Scosche/Montgomery Distribution  
Style Crest  
Vulcan Materials Company

### Phil Campbell

CNC WoodCrafters, Inc.  
Continental Axle Products  
Inside Stone  
Shelter Products, Inc.

### Red Bay

Cashion Thermoplastics  
Darrell Harp Enterprises  
Gates Corporation  
Odyssey Group  
Sunshine Homes, Inc.  
Sunshine Mills, Inc.  
Tidwell Cabinets & Doors  
Tiffin Door Company  
Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.  
Triple H Electronics  
United Implement Manufacturing  
Unlimited

### Vina

Seating Constructors USA  
Tiffin Supply Company

### Hodges

Mills Shavings & Mulch, Inc.

### Spruce Pine

Pine Crafters Furniture  
M L Docks, LLC



FCDA ATTENDS MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE RUSSELLVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD. The Russellville Industrial Development Board controls both

Russellville Industrial Parks 1 and 2, and the County's first Speculative Building



ALABAMA STATE SENATOR ROGER BEDFORD ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TWO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN VINA, ALABAMA - Senator Roger Bedford announced today that \$655,000 funding has been secured to extend sewer into the

Vina Industrial Park located on State Highway 19. An additional \$900,000 funding has been secured to construct a speculative building in the Park. The Vina Industrial Park is the largest in the county with 400 acres and is located only eighteen miles from the new Interstate 22.



JULY BUSINESS & INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST HOSTED BY NW-SCC IN PHIL CAMPBELL - NW-SCC Phil Campbell partnered with the FCDA to present a special extended Business & Industry Leadership Program. From Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control

Enforcement, Joey May, Compliance Specialist and Agent Adam Buchanan presented a Compliance Update that included topics on drugs and alcohol, spotting fake ID's and employer's I-9 Forms. From Lowe Mobley, Lowe & LeDuke, Matthew LeDuke and Jonathan Lowe presented an Employment Law Update that included recent case law and best practices tips. The Business & Industry Leadership Program is a bi-monthly meeting that is sponsored by the Franklin County Development Authority to provide information, insight, networking opportunities and resources to business and industry leaders. The next meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for meeting notification at [www.franklineda.com](http://www.franklineda.com).



DURING THE MONTH OF JULY the Franklin County Development Authority met with three prospective companies.

- A distribution company is seeking a location on or near a major four lane highway.
- A grain distribution operation that requires rail access.
- An alternative energy company that would use waste to make natural gas.

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