

JOED News

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS A TEAM EFFORT!

Every community success and/or improvement helps Jacksonville/Onslow Economic Development (JOED) in marketing our community to potential new businesses.



Do you know that National Manufacturing Day is on October 5? It's a day to recognize the positive economic impact manufacturers have on our communities.

At JOED, we like the idea of celebrating our manufacturers for the ENTIRE MONTH and have some fun things planned! We will post manufacturing-related videos and quizzes on Facebook every day of October. Join us for a little "manufacturer love" and fun!

JOED hosts NCSE tour of Onslow County

On August 7th, JOED hosted the development team from the NC Southeast Partnership on their annual familiarization tour of their 18-member counties. We toured Onslow County to showcase the available and developing sites and buildings in our business and industrial parks and Ellis Airport.

Many thanks to Mat Raymond III of Sanders Ford for the use of an Expedition to comfortably seat all six of us for the day!



Chris White, Ellis Airport Director (far left) discusses the powerful economic impact of local airports with NC Southeast developers (L-R) Joe Melvin, Steve Yost, and Ryan Regan

JOED announces Winter Custom Yachts' move to Onslow County



WINTER
CUSTOM YACHTS

Winter Custom Yachts was launched in 2006 in Apex, NC. But Tim Winters' passion for boats and fishing began when he was a youngster growing up in Eastern NC. His family fishing outings led to sketching boat designs and building skiffs in the family garage. In high school and college, he worked for boat building companies, while refining his own design style. An engineer by education, Tim is known for blending science with artistry in boat designs. He is passionate about exceeding customers' dreams with superior craftsmanship.

In 2017, Winters expanded the operation to Onslow County to rig and deliver the boats. Soon, it became obvious that they needed to build the entire boat in the coastal location, especially if they had any intention of building larger boats. So, this year he moved his entire operation to their Hubert Facility in the Swansboro area. Their first boat built entirely in Onslow County will be delivered next year.

Winter Custom Yachts has built 30 boats to date, ranging from 24' to 64'. The new location offers a huge opportunity to grow the boatbuilding business and expand into the marine repair business. Their earlier "builds" can easily come back for refit and general maintenance. They wanted to capture that business, knowing it would facilitate continued service to their clients.

Sheila Knight, Executive Director of JOED said, "Winter Custom Yachts is an excellent addition to our growing Marine Trades industry. We are proud to be the birthplace of such beautiful custom yachts."

The move allowed Tim and his family to return to his home area. Five employees also made the move to Onslow County. There are currently 28 employees, and an expectation of growing to 50 employees within several years. Tim Winters tells us, "We are excited to be in the Swansboro area and add to the boatbuilding history that has gone before us. We believe we build the best product on the market and our goal is to highlight Onslow County as one of the elite boatbuilding capitals of the world." Please visit www.wintercustomyachts.com



FOR WORKERS, SELF-EMPLOYED and SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS:

Onslow County has been declared one of the NC Counties whose workers, self-employed persons and small business owners that have been, or will be, unable to work due to Florence can receive assistance through the NC Department of Commerce's Division of Employment Security. The first step is to apply for assistance at 1-866-795-8877 or online at <https://des.nc.gov/des>. Additional information is available by calling the Onslow County NCWorks office: 910-347-2121.

Onslow County has also been approved to receive disaster food stamps, effective beginning July 28th. Also, the program has been temporarily expanded to cover hot meals. This assistance provides relief to those who have lost food or been unable to obtain food due to Hurricane Florence. As the NC Social Services office just reopened today, specific details about how this process will be managed are currently unavailable. Please monitor local television and radio stations as well as NC DSS_Disaster Food Stamps for updates.

To start the recovery process with FEMA: FEMA_Onslow County (once at this site, you can enter your County and hit search)

FOR BUSINESS OWNERS:

Business Link North Carolina (BLNC) of EDPNC has operators standing by and is available for businesses with general questions about recovery resources. 1-800-228-8443.

NC business support may also be found at: <http://www.sbtcd.org/hurricaneflorence/>

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Disaster Assistance from SBA: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

Finally, if you have questions or require assistance of any kind, please contact JOED at www.joednc.com, 910-939-7023.

JOED Welcomes New Investor Express Employment Professionals!



Express Employment Professionals helps job seekers find work and helps businesses find great and productive employees. They work closely with local businesses to understand their workforce needs.

With Express Employment Professionals, employers have the best of both worlds, with an array of employment services designed to allow them to focus on core business operations.

Express Employment Professionals will be there to assist with future needs as businesses grow. Owner Cowanda Bazile is a retired Navy veteran from Houston, Texas. She and her husband Randy have been married for 20 years and have two children. Both Cowanda and Randy have a passion for helping people and when they were presented the opportunity to join the Express team, they simply couldn't decline. Cowanda explains, "What better way to help people by assisting in finding jobs for associates; which ultimately positively impacts local business as well as the economy. My personal commitment is to be the best human resource provider for the businesses in this community. My team and I go above and beyond to ensure 100% satisfaction!"

JOED is pleased to welcome Express Employment Professionals to the Jacksonville/Onslow business community and as a new Investor Member. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

