



JOED NEWSLETTER

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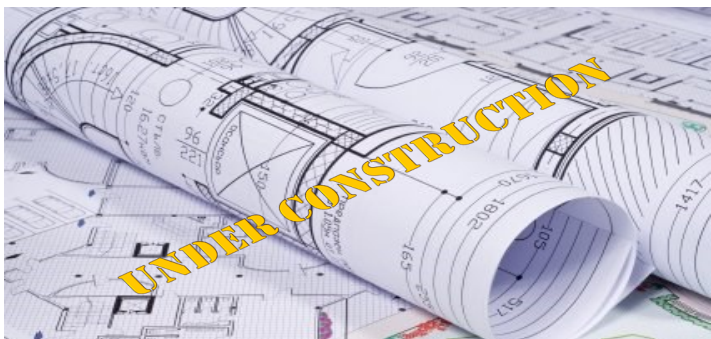
Senator Brown introduces SE Prosperity Zone Partners

At the September BOD meeting, Senator Harry Brown introduced the Southeast Prosperity Zone Co-Location Partners and each gave a brief presentation of their organizations.

Jenni Harris, Regional Industry Manager-Southeast, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC); Lindsay Gress, Career Center Manager, NCWorks; Lynn Creech, Regional Director, NC Community Colleges; Cameron Weaver, Environmental Assistance Coordinator, NCDEQ, and Mark Zeigler, NCDOC Rural Division explained their organizations services and the assistance offered to consumers.

The Southeast Prosperity Zone Co-location office is housed in the JOED office in the Commerce Center in Jacksonville.

For more information or to schedule a meeting, please call 910-939-7023.



New Industrial Shell Building Coming Soon

Chairman Ed Garris is delighted to announce the Onslow County Board of Commissioners, at their October 3rd meeting, voted to award the contract for the construction of a 30,000 sq. ft. industrial shell building to Pro Construction, Inc. and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the contract documents on behalf of the County. JOED has pledged \$250,000 towards the project from our Reserves, made possible by the JOED Investors.

The JOED Building & Sites Committee and staff will be engaged in the construction of the building. We are planning an on-site event to celebrate and showcase the extension of the road and the location of the new building, on Friday, November 4th at 11am.

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Roundtable with UNC President Margaret Spellings

UNC President Margaret Spellings held a roundtable to discuss the value of the University of North Carolina system to our state, the partnership with our community colleges, and support from our community. She shared ideas of how to close the education gap from high school to college to the workforce and how early colleges could possibly help our students graduate from high school with an associates degree.



NC State Budget Director Visits Onslow County

North Carolina's State Budget Director Andrew Heath visited Onslow County to discuss the welfare of North Carolina's budget and the priorities of the Office of the Governor and covered four main areas of the budget: education, health and human services, justice and economic resources, and fiscal responsibilities. Director Heath stated that NC is also trying to make investments in the areas of mental health and substance abuse.

The presentation was hosted by the County of Onslow, Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce and Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development.

In the event you were unable to join us, you can watch the program on this link: <https://youtu.be/GaGbEL57tuw>

