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Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development

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Armstrong Marine "Roll Out"



Completes first boat 100% built in Onslow County!.

Armstrong Marine Inc, has completed their first aluminium boat built 100% in Onslow County and have more underway, including four aluminum passenger ferry boats for the Hampton Roads, VA Transit Authority.

If you were unable to join us for the celebration, you may click on the link below to view the entire "Roll Out."

Roll Out Event video (22 mins)

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Joey Carter

<https://youtu.be/xBZKnxb8YJw>

For more information on Armstrong Marine, Inc. please visit their website www.armstrongmarine.com

Duke Energy Site Readiness Program Presentation

on Camp Davis Industrial Park in Holly Ridge



Randy Broome (far right) PE, President & CEO of Broome Consulting & Development, also Senior Consultant with Duke Energy gave an overview of the Site Readiness Program.

Mark Sweeney (far left), Senior Principal of McCallum Sweeney Consulting gave an enlightening presentation on "Prepared Communities Win".

Beth Land, Consultant for McCallum Sweeney Consulting provided the Site Final Report for the Camp Davis Industrial Park.

Senator Burr Visits Armstrong Marine, Inc.!

Armstrong Marine Inc, hosted Senator Richard Burr on Friday, August 14th. Josh Armstrong (President, Armstrong Marine, Inc.) talked about the company, the products

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manufactured at the Onslow County facility, the emerging East Coast market, and future opportunities.

Senator Burr inspects a 54' survey boat built at the Port Angeles, WA facility for Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC in 2013 and shipped to the East Coast. It has come to the Hubert facility



for required annual inspection.



Josh Armstrong gives Senator Burr a tour of the recently built fire boat for Sullivan's Island.

North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority Approves \$1.25 Million for Onslow County



North Carolina Commerce Secretary John E. Skvarla, III, and Assistant Secretary for Rural Economic Development Dr. Patricia Mitchell announced Thursday that the North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) approved 14 grants totaling \$4,573,383.

EDAC Representative

Jeff Hudson, Manager,
Onslow County

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MCAS New River

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The RIA reviews and approves funding requests for grant programs operated by the Rural Economic Development Division at the N.C. Department of Commerce. Grants support infrastructure development, building renovation and site improvements.

The RIA approved two requests under the state's Industrial Development Fund - Utility Account program which provides grants to units of local government of the 80 most distressed counties in the state to assist with job creation. Funds may be used for publicly-owned infrastructure and should be used for projects that are reasonably expected to result in the creation of new jobs.

Onslow County received a grant of \$1,243,875 to improve infrastructure and support the expansion of N.A. Burton Business & Industrial Park. Improvements will include a roadway extension and water and sewer service that will support industrial operations. The park is currently approaching maximum occupancy of available industrial sites. The new infrastructure will open more than 100 acres of quality industrial land for new development, job creation and economic investment.

This is the first RIA grant ever approved for Onslow County. JOED's Building and Sites Committee made the recommendation to the County, which navigated through the grant process for approvals.

For more information, click [here](#).

***Original announcement edited to meet space limitation**

Mayor Dan Tuman, North
Topsail Beach

Dr. Richard Woodruff,
Manager, City of
Jacksonville

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Interested in the latest
statistics for Onslow
County?

How about the most
recent economic impact
reports of Camp Lejeune
and New River Air
Station?

JOED keeps you up to
date with the latest
information on statistics
and economic impact
through our
[Community Profile](#)

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Chairman Ed Garris is pleased to announce that JOED has joined The Southeastern Partnership ("North Carolina's Southeast"). Chairman Garris will be seated on the Board of Directors to represent JOED.

"North Carolina's Southeast is pleased to welcome our neighbors in Onslow County into the region," said Jeff Etheridge, chairman of The Southeastern Partnership. "Their participation brings additional leadership, economic assets and energy to our mission."

The addition of Onslow County puts North Carolina's two largest military bases - Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg - in one region. The decision adds approximately 185,000 people to the Southeast, along with large private employees such as Convergys, Coastal Enterprises and Stanadyne.

Onslow County is home to three attractive business parks, including N.A. Burton Industrial Park, a 735-acre property certified by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. OAJ-Ellis Airport offers daily non-stop commercial flights to Atlanta and Charlotte. In 2013, New York-based Area Development magazine ranked the Jacksonville MSA #9 on its national list of "leading locations" based on workforce assets, job growth and economic resiliency.

"We're excited about participating in The Southeastern Partnership and having our county be part of the Southeast's compelling regional brand," said Sheila Pierce Knight, executive director of JOED. "We share several target industries and look forward to embracing the exciting opportunities ahead."

JOED will continue to be an active member of the NC East Alliance (formerly NCER) as they strive to maximize the benefits from each organization given our location on the border between both.

Onslow County STEM Classroom

Awareness of STEM (or STEAM; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education continues to grow in its popularity and increases at all educational levels.

The Onslow County School system continues its dedicated and forward thinking approach to STEM throughout the K-12 classrooms. STEM or STEAM education focuses the instruction on science and math concepts with the help of engineering and technology and in a few cases, the Arts.

As we look at the future of the workforce needs, we are hopeful that these students will be given an advantage in their career choices and the jobs they pursue.

New JOED Elected Officials!

During the July Board of Directors Meeting the following members were Elected as Officials for FY15-17:

Ed Garris, Chairman
Joey Carter, Vice - Chairman
Treasurer, Susan Edwards
Immediate Past Chairman, Steve Wangerin

We look forward to the continued leadership and involvement from our JOED Elected Officials, Welcome!

Tech Bite!

Inflation affects everyone, but its significance varies across locations. A recent study by SmartAsset determined which US metro areas were least affected by inflation. The areas were ranked based on purchasing power, cost of living, and per capita income. You can see where the Jacksonville area ranks in North Carolina below:

	Avg.	Avg.	
Change in	Change	Change	Inflation

Rank	Urban Area	Purchasing in Power	Cost in of Living	Cost in Personal Income	Index
1	Jacksonville NC Metro Durham-	23.26%	1.94%	4.09%	56.43
2	Chapel Hill NC Metro	22.24%	0.42%	2.45%	55.18
3	Raleigh NC Metro	19.94%	0.18%	2.02%	52.36
4	Greenville NC Metro	18.04%	0.88%	2.56%	50.03
5	Wilmington NC Metro	15.78%	0.63%	2.12%	47.25
6	Winston- Salem NC Metro	15.21%	0.34%	1.78%	46.56
7	Burlington NC Metro	14.10%	0.50%	1.83%	45.19
8	Asheville NC Metro Charlotte- Concord-	11.08%	1.29%	2.36%	41.49
9	Gastonia NC-SC Metro	4.61%	1.56%	2.02%	33.55

SmartAsset's full methodology and an interactive map of the metro areas least affected by inflation can be found here:

<https://smartasset.com/investing/inflation-calculator#us>

If you would like more information regarding the study or methodology of SmartAsset, please click [here](#).

Business Link NC



Your Answers to Business Questions

We can help you start, grow and maintain your business in North Carolina. Business Link North Carolina (BLNC) is a division of the Economic Development Partnership of NC ([EDPNC](#)) and offers a central source for consultations, information and referrals... just the help you need to tap into all the State has to offer.

BLNC Counselors provide:

- One-on-one client consultations at no cost
- Customized licensing information
- Employer and business structure forms
- Referrals to State Agencies and State Occupational Licensing Boards, Local Governments & Federal Agencies
- Contacts for Local, State & Federal business services, programs & resources

Call BLNC toll-free at 800-228-8443 or at 919-447-7828, Monday through Friday. A Business Counselor will discuss your needs and help you find the appropriate resources to accomplish your goals.

To go directly to the website, click [here](#).

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