



JACKSONVILLE ONSLOW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

****Investor Insight****

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What's "nexx" for Nexx Linx?

When the Nexx Linx facility closed last May, JOED began reaching out to consultants in the call center industry and our state and regional partners. Our efforts were rewarded: JOED was recently delighted by a return call from a Dallas-based consultant to schedule a tour of the building. The site selection consultant and his client, who is considering locations in North Carolina, travelled here to view the facility and gather information.

The visit was the perfect opportunity to showcase the building, Jacksonville and Onslow County. A compelling case for a business location in Jacksonville was made, including the available workforce.



Leadership Seminar

NCACCT Leadership Seminar

August 23-25, 2017
Wilmington, NC

JOED Executive Director Sheila Knight was honored to participate in the North Carolina Association of Community Colleges Trustees 2017 Leadership Seminar, as part of the Developing Regional Economic Development Strategies panel. She was joined by Tom Looney and John Loyack, EDPNC; Maureen Little, NCCCS; Steve Yost, NC Southeast; Natalie English, Wilmington Chamber; and Jason Gray, NC Rural Center. The panel addressed the critical role that Community Colleges play in business and economic development. Our community colleges are training a workforce that is ready to meet industry demands for skilled, well qualified employees.

Sustainability in Manufacturing

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
11:00 - 1:00

ONSLow COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CENTER
234 NW CORRIDOR BLVD
JACKSONVILLE, NC 28540



JOED co-hosted a North Carolina East Alliance (NCEA)-led event last week at the Onslow County Government Center. The program included an overview of Pollution Prevention (P2) grant activities, NC Department of Environmental Quality services, animal waste to energy and heat efforts, and services available through the Small Business & Technology Development Center.

The workshop brought in over two dozen companies and public organizations from across eastern North Carolina. With a variety of experiences to discuss, there were multiple opportunities for the companies to connect and seek solutions to their P2 concerns. NCEA's President & CEO John Chaffee remarked, "It was particularly gratifying to have a couple of food/beverage company representatives decide they wanted to immediately engage ECU faculty in assessing their operations to pursue modifications that would improve their efficiency and profitability. It's really important that we address the needs of existing industry while recruiting new ones, and I know the JOED staff is fully committed to doing that in partnership with NCEast staff."

The event is available for viewing at <https://youtu.be/wdVFjJugxZ4>, compliments of Onslow County Media.

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