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Burton Park Shell Building #2 Ribbon Cutting



(L to R) Sheila Knight, JOED Executive Director; Onslow County Commissioners Royce Bennett, Robin Knapp, Jack Bright, Paul Buchanan and Mark Price; and Joey Carter, JOED Chairman

Onslow County reached an important goal recently, with the completion of a 30,000 SF Shell Building located at 723 Luther Midgett Road, in Burton Business and Industrial Park. It is expandable to 60,000 SF, has 30 ft. ceilings, and is situated on 18 acres. This building is an important recruitment asset, making Onslow County more competitive for new business locations or expansions.

Existing Industry Spotlight: Renewal Resources and Coastal Swiss Precision



Ron Springfield calibrates a machine for custom work at Coastal Swiss Precision

Along Freedom Highway in Hubert, two unassuming buildings serve as the headquarters of Renewal Resources and Coastal Swiss Precision. [Renewal Resources](#) buys and sells reconditioned common electrical surplus and supplies, as well as hard to find and obsolete parts. Customers include a variety of industries in the private sector as well as governmental entities. Started by Robert Fisher in 1989, what began with the purchase of a single breaker became an international distribution company. Recently, Renewal Resources supplied power companies during the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

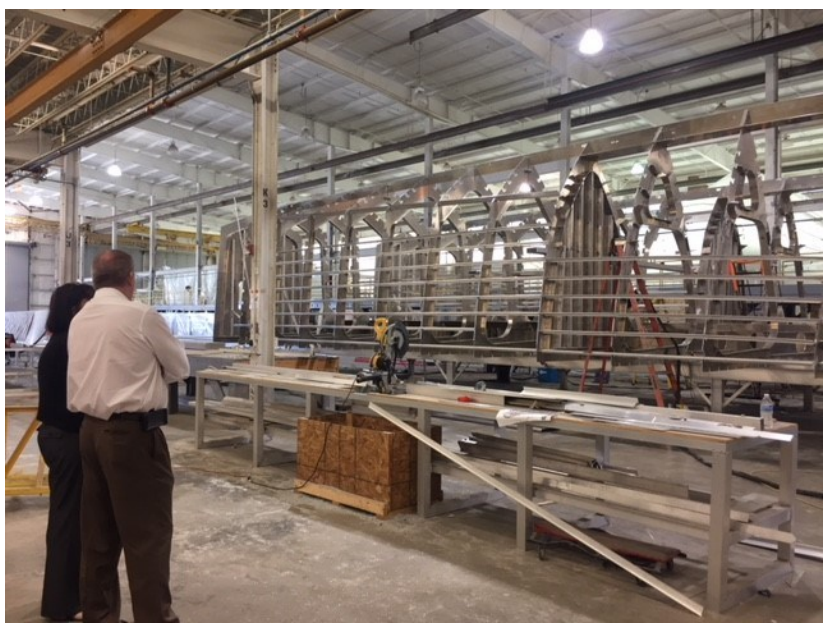
[Coastal Swiss Precision](#) specializes in CNC Swiss style turning and machining and CNC vertical machining center applications. Robert proudly tells visitors that all the products made in his shop are "Made in the USA." Materials used in manufacturing include stainless steels, various steel alloys, carbon steels, aluminum, brass, copper alloys, and plastics. The end products are used in aerospace, communication, automotive, defense, emergency response, and medical industries. Robert and his business partner Ron Springfield know every detail about each of the CNC machines. They are motivated by efficiency, quality products, and customer satisfaction.

Dallas Consultant Mission



JOED's Executive Director Sheila Knight recently attended a Site Consultant Call Mission in Dallas with North Carolina's Southeast Partnership and other local developers. Economic Developers visit national Site Selectors to highlight the assets of their communities including buildings, sites, infrastructure and workforce, so they will be considered by future business prospects.

"Keel Laying"



Tracy Gable of US Workboats and Harold Thomas, NCDOT Ferry Division Director, discuss future Passenger Ferry construction phases.

Last month NCDOT officials gathered at US Workboats (Formerly Armstrong Marine) in Hubert to celebrate the "Keel Laying" construction phase of the first NCDOT passenger ferry. According to Wikipedia, "Laying the keel or laying down is the formal recognition of the start of a ship's construction. It is often marked with a ceremony attended by dignitaries from the shipbuilding company and the ultimate owners of the ship. Keel laying is one of the four specially-celebrated events in the life of a ship; the others are launching, commissioning, and decommissioning."

The 98-passenger catamaran-style ferry—built by US Workboats —will run between Hatteras and Silver Lake Harbor, allowing passengers to disembark in the heart of Ocracoke Village. The new ferry service will supplement the Ferry Division's existing car ferries, and is designed to ease summer traffic congestion on the popular route.

Armstrong Marine, Inc. was recruited to Onslow County in 2013 and utilized the building previously occupied by Hatteras Yachts.

In other news....

JOED's Executive Director Sheila Knight was recently reappointed by Senator Phil Berger to another three year term to serve on the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC). EDPNC is contracted by the NC Department of Commerce, with a focus on recruiting new businesses to the state, supporting the needs of existing businesses, connecting exporters with customers around the globe, helping small business owners get their start, and attracting tourists and visitors from all over the world.

JOED's Deputy Director Jeremy Schmidt was recently featured in the North Carolina Economic Development Association's Winter 2017 Newsletter, Emerging Executives Profile. You can find the article here: <https://nceda.org/news/>

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