



## February 2007 ED Monthly Report

### Information from the Fostoria Economic Development Corporation

#### Membership Information Update

forms are being emailed / mailed.

Please take a few minutes to complete the forms and mail or fax them back to our office so we can update our records.

Thank you ;-)

#### February Meetings:

**2/1/07:** FEDC Executive Committee

**2/6/07:** Downtown Planning: Design committee meeting

**2/15/07:** FEDC Board of Trustees meeting

**2/16/07:** Call Center prospect visit

**2/26/07:** Mentoring Workshop / City Design Review Committee / United Way Annual Meeting

**2/27/07:** Downtown Planning: Design committee meeting

The Nominating Committee began discussing their recommendations for new Elected Trustees for the Board.

The Nominating Committee will make their recommendations to the Board in March and ask for approval.

Elected Trustees have voting privileges, attend monthly board meetings, provide connections to the community, and serve as community ambassadors.

#### PROJECT UPDATES:

New Industry: Land purchased for Project Ethanol. FEDC continues to work with the company; moving forward and should have an announcement soon.

Existing Industry: Our office continues to work closely with district representatives to offer Honeywell and Thyssen / Krupp best possible assistance as needed.

Retention & Expansion Surveys: Jim & Joan will begin visiting local manufacturers and conducting bi-annual R & E surveys soon. The purpose: to learn more about their businesses, immediate/future needs, and to serve as a venue explaining State programs and incentives that will help them achieve those needs.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Chamber of Commerce: Wednesday, March 21—Tiffin and Fostoria Chambers will present Bill Drury's "**A Passion For Service**", a session on how to win customers and reduce lost sales. The morning session: 8-11 @ Good Shepherd Home/Fostoria; afternoon session: 1-4 @ Heidelberg College/Tiffin.

Fostoria Community Schools: Superintendent reported on "Getting it Right for Ohio's Future" a constitutional amendment issue that will be before Ohio voters this November. Regarding fair funding to provide an educated workforce.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE:

City Updates: Mayor announced that ODOT scheduled a stakeholders meeting for Thursday (March 8, 2007) from 10 AM till noon at Kaubisch Memorial Library to discuss the current status of Fostoria's Loop Road study.

#### COMMERCIAL / SERVICE INDUSTRIES:

Telecommunications: Two call center operations have visited Fostoria and expressed serious interest. In addition to identifying Ohio based firms for expansion, Jim Beatty (NCS International) has also started working with Asset Recovery Markets within the financial services industry; research indicates a steady corporate growth in that area. Hi is working to generate more visits within the next 30-45 days.

DT Revitalization: A draft of the downtown plan has been sent to the steering committee for comments and final edit for detail. The group will come together with Danielle Steinhauser (Poggemeyer Design Group) March 27 to preview draft and discuss action steps that will be taken next.

#### CURRENT ISSUES:

FEDC Mentoring Program: FEDC is proud to announce the addition of our new Mentoring Program Coordinator, Toni Lucadello. Toni comes to the Mentoring Program after retiring with 28 years of service with the Fostoria Community Schools; she is knowledgeable of the program and has a unique insight that will prove to be an advantage with the program administration.

#### Upcoming Events:

Wood County ED Commission Annual Meeting: 3/21/07  
NORED Annual Meeting: 3/29/07  
FEDC Annual Meeting: TBA

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