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Blend Pak Opens its Newest Venture in Bardstown



Bloomfield Farms

BARDSTOWN, Ky. (October 21, 2010) - The Nelson County Economic Development Agency ("NCEDA") and local officials were on hand this morning for the grand opening of Bloomfield Farms, the producer of gluten-free mixes. Bloomfield Farms, located at 575 Spencer Mattingly Lane in Bardstown, is a new venture of Blend Pak of Bloomfield, and will initially employ 12 people.

Bloomfield Farms owners, Dan and Sue Sutherland, say they are expanding because they have seen a need for gluten-free products for people who are gluten intolerant or people who just want to eliminate wheat gluten from their diets. "We are dedicated to providing products for those that seek gluten-free items that are superior to anything presently being marketed and providing them at a cost effective level for the consumer."

The Sutherlands chose to expand their company to Bardstown rather than at their present location in Bloomfield because of the need to be in a

facility that is totally free of wheat gluten to avoid any cross contamination. "Bardstown has provided us with a great environment to expand our business and we look forward to providing Bloomfield Farms' mixes. We appreciate the help provided by the Nelson County Economic Development Agency, local officials and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development."

"I'm pleased to welcome Blend Pak's new facility, Bloomfield Farms, to the Commonwealth," said Governor Steve Beshear. "The addition of one dozen new jobs will have a positive impact on the community. I am confident Bloomfield Farms will find the workforce and resources available to them will allow them to grow and prosper in the Bluegrass State."

The brand name, Bloomfield Farms, will consist of an all-purpose flour, pancake, waffle and muffin mix, pizza dough, corn bread, brownie, cake, cookie and loaf bread mix. In addition to the retail gluten-free products, the plant will produce bulk product for the food industry.

SYKES Enterprises Celebrates Grand Opening of New Customer Contact Center in Bardstown

BARDSTOWN, Ky.

(October 13, 2010) - Governor Steve Beshear, Bardstown officials and SYKES Enterprises today celebrated the grand opening of the company's new facility in Bardstown, located at 227 Kentucky Home Square. The company, headquartered in Tampa, Fla., provides



an array of sophisticated customer contact management solutions to Fortune 1000 companies around the world, primarily in the communications, financial services, healthcare technology, transportation and leisure industries. The Bardstown facility serves as a state-of-the-art in-bound customer service facility for a major telecommunications company and currently has an employment of 450, which is expected to grow to 500 in 2011.

"I am pleased to join SYKES in cutting the ribbon on its new location here in Bardstown, which will create 500 jobs for Kentuckians in this area," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "I congratulate Sykes, Bardstown officials and the entire community for making this investment possible."

Star King, SYKES vice president of U.S. operations, said, "We are grateful for the support of the Bardstown community and surrounding area. I am confident the commitment, dedication and outstanding work ethic SYKES found here will lead to success for our clients and for the people of the Bardstown community."

"The SYKES call center gives Nelson County a new diverse business that will afford our citizens an opportunity to gain employment and we welcome them to our community," said Nelson County Judge Executive Dean Watts.

Bardstown Mayor Dick Heaton said, "We appreciate the confidence that SYKES has in our community and it affirms our position in the region as a location that offers great quality of life along with an abundance of skilled individuals for our workforce."

SYKES originally renovated the over 31,000 square-foot space, formerly the site of a Winn-Dixie store, and has since acquired additional square footage in an adjacent space.

KAM Brings Executive Briefing to Nelson County



The Kentucky Association for Manufacturing ("KAM") invited Nelson County companies to an Executive Briefing on October 19th at My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Forty-five Nelson and Washington County company representatives and local leaders heard KAM's message about the

forecast for manufacturing in the state and what they are seeing on a national and international level.

The briefing also discussed Health Care Reform issues, air and emissions permitting, workforce and training, state incentives, the positive outlook for the auto industry and introduced their new Kentucky Prosperity Project.

For more information about KAM, contact Ken Carroll, V.P. of Marketing, 502-352-2482 or go to their website at www.KAManufacturers.com.

NCEDA President Participates in a Southern U.S. Marketing Trip

Nelson County Economic Development Agency President Kim Huston and 15 of her Kentucky counterparts recently returned from a four-day Kentucky United marketing trip to Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. The group met with 30 companies who have expressed an interest in doing business in the state of Kentucky. Kentucky United is a program of the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED) that promotes the attributes of doing business in Kentucky and hosts recruiting missions in various parts of the country. Huston will be sworn in as the KAED Chair-Elect at their annual Conference in November.

New Signs Constructed in Nelson County Industrial Park

When driving down Parkway Drive, there is no doubt when you enter the Nelson County Industrial Park. The Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation recently purchased and installed the new industrial park signs. The signs were built by Edelen Sign and Graphics of Bardstown and landscaped by MVP of Bardstown.



FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 19, 2010) - The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development has issued a third Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of awarding approximately \$250,000 in competitive funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives.

The RFP is seeking projects that introduce and demonstrate advanced energy savings and clean energy technologies in for-profit industrial, commercial and manufacturing facilities located in Kentucky. Two similar RFPs issued by the Cabinet earlier this year resulted in seven companies receiving more than \$4 million for energy efficiency projects.

The purpose of the grant funding is to accelerate energy efficiency and renewable energy industrial projects for businesses locating or expanding operations in Kentucky that create or retain jobs while saving energy and reducing carbon emissions. Additionally, the funding will help achieve the goals set by Governor Steve Beshear's Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future: Kentucky's 7-Point Energy Strategy.

This RFP seeks projects investing a minimum of \$1 million in the special focus areas of HVAC and steam plant upgrades, energy efficiency improvements for water treatment facilities and lighting retrofits. In addition, applicants must show how the proposed project contributes to the development and production of energy-efficient products that will further reduce energy usage. The Cabinet will provide up to \$249,929.30 of the total cost for projects funded through this RFP, with the selected applicants providing at least \$750,070.70.

The Cabinet for Economic Development will select applicants to receive funding through a competitive process. Proposals will be evaluated on development and production of energy-efficient products; jobs created/retained; amount of energy saved per grant dollar invested; local community impact; private dollar match/leverage of grant funds; and other important factors. Selected applicants will be required to showcase their projects and develop case studies to highlight the benefits of the project.

RFP documents containing more detailed information on this funding opportunity can be found on the state's procurement website at <https://emars.ky.gov/online/vss/Advantage> (click on the View Solicitation heading and select RFP 635 1100000116).

Proposals may be submitted to Tim Back, Cabinet for Economic Development, Old Capitol Annex, 300 West Broadway, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Proposals are due no later than Nov. 17, 2010, by 2:30 p.m. ET.

Awards are made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), through the U.S. Department of Energy, as part of the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence's State Energy Program.

Information on other ARRA funded energy projects in Kentucky can be found at <http://energy.ky.gov/StimulusPrograms/Pages/default.aspx>.



Congratulations to

Jim Beam and Heaven Hill Distilleries

Both are celebrating their 75th Anniversaries this year.

The impact these two distilleries have had on shaping the economy of Nelson County is significant and we appreciate and honor this historical milestone.



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