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BARDSTOWN NAMED A TOP TEN MICROPOLITAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Bardstown, KY - Bardstown, KY has been named a Top Ten Micropolitan for the number of new and expanding economic development projects in the United States for 2017. *Site Selection Magazine*, a national magazine for corporate site selectors and companies, each year ranks U.S. communities based on the economic development activity for that year and in 2016, Bardstown ranked #7 overall.

Kim Huston, President of the Nelson County Economic Development Agency and Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation, said nine companies invested over \$233 million in projects in Nelson County during 2016, a record number for Nelson County in one year. “We knew we were extremely busy in 2016 but we had no idea that our efforts would land us in the top 10 in the country. Nelson County has become a truly desirable place to do business for many reasons including location, great industrial land and most important the quality of life you can have by living in our community. That factor is tops on any company’s list of priorities.”

Many of the expansions were in the bourbon industry as each of our local distilleries recorded either an expansion in their production or visitor facilities. “Bourbon has been very good for Nelson County and fortunately we don’t see that slowing anytime soon. The investments these distilleries have made have assured us that they want to continue to do business here in the Bourbon Capital of the World,” Huston added.

Some of the top projects that helped Bardstown make this Top Ten ranking were new companies that include Thai Summit, LUXCO and Legend Lumber Lee. These projects alone totaled over \$148 million dollars in investment. Six expansion projects in 2016 included Heaven Hill Distilleries, Tower Automotive, Sazarc Distilleries (Barton 1792 Distillery), Demipac, NPR and HEC.

Bill Conway, Chairman of the Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation, “Fantastic news and a great honor for Bardstown and Nelson County for receiving *Site Selection Magazine*’s list of Top Micropolitan communities for new and expanding projects, finishing 7th in the country. It is amazing when the dedication of Kim Huston, NCEDA, the Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation, working with the Mayor and City Council along with the Judge Executive and Fiscal Court come together for the betterment of our community and its residents.”

Huston went on to state, “If the first three months of 2017 are any indication of what’s to come, we are confident that it will be another outstanding year for Nelson County.”

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