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Industry Expansion Announcement - Christian County



Governor Steve Beshear joined community leaders and officials from Plymouth Tube Company on December 5th to announce the company will make a more than \$12.1 million investment in its 130,000-square-foot Hopkinsville plant, allowing it to meet customer demand and retain its existing 93 employees.

Plymouth Tube Co. is a specialty manufacturer of precision steel tubing, steel and titanium near-net shapes, and steel & titanium cold drawn shapes.



Fredonia Valley Heritage Society Wins 2011 Kentucky History Award from KHS

The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) honored outstanding achievements in the field of Kentucky history at the 2011 Kentucky History Celebration on Nov. 11 at the Old State Capitol in downtown Frankfort.

Among this year's winners was the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, recipient of the Thomas D. Clark Organization of the Year Award, presented annually to an organization that has made a significant contribution to state and local history.

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is an all-volunteer organization with 65 members. The society is located in Caldwell County and is dedicated to interpreting and promoting history in the region. Members were successful in publishing a book about the history of their area and in restoring two local cemeteries that had been damaged by the ice storm of 2009. The Fredonia Heritage Society also assisted in grave-marking ceremonies for three Revolutionary War patriots who were early settlers of Caldwell County. For more information about the Kentucky History Awards visit www.history.ky.gov/historyawards.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grant Funding Opportunities Available

Applications are currently being accepted under the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreational Trails Program. Cities, counties, state and federal agencies are eligible to apply for funds under these programs. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides federal grant funds to protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and to develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports and playfields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities, trails, natural areas and passive parks. The minimum request is \$5,000 and the maximum is \$75,000. The LWCF is a 50/50 matching reimbursement program. Applications for the LWCF will be accepted until April 30, 2012.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. It can be used to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. The RTP benefits communities and enhances quality of life. All trails that receive money under this program must remain open to the public and maintained for perpetuity. The minimum request under this program is \$5,000 and the maximum is \$100,000. The RTP is a 50/50 matching reimbursement program. Applications for the RTP will be accepted until March 30, 2012. For more information regarding these programs, contact Amy Frogue at 270-886-9484 or via email at amy.froque@ky.gov.



COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Crumb Rubber Grants

Grants are available through the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet Waste Tire Trust Fund for projects that promote the use of recycled waste tires for athletic fields, playgrounds, and other crumb rubber or mulch applications.

City and County governments and school districts are eligible to participate in the program and will be required to provide a twenty-five percent (25%) funding match.

Interested parties can contact PADD at (270) 886-9484 for application information. Applications may also be downloaded from www.waste.ky.gov. Applications will be accepted no later than January 31, 2012.

Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grants

The Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management Grants Program goal is to leverage limited funds into efficient and cost effective projects. The funds can be used to develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage Household Hazardous Waste and provide recycling and HHW public education programs.

Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government or to other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including school districts, shall be eligible to apply. A twenty-five percent (25%) funding match is required.

Interested parties can contact the PADD office at (270) 886-9484 for application information. Applications may also be downloaded from www.waste.ky.gov. The grants will be available on January 1, 2012 and will be accepted no later than April 2, 2012.

- 2011-2012 Recycling Grant recipients, 2nd Quarterly Report is due January 15, 2012

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Pennyrile Comprehensive Needs Assessment Survey

The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living is conducting a needs assessment of Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg County. The survey will help identify service gaps, and inform how those services are provided.

Nearly 2000 surveys have been distributed. The surveys were sent to a wide variety of individuals including senior citizens, community partners, support groups, housing authority offices, health departments, county extension offices, churches, legislators, and long-term care facility residents. A diverse group of respondents will yield better results and useful answers.

In addition to direct mailings the survey is also available on the Pennyrile Area Development District Website: www.peadd.org. The survey will be available on the website until January 17th, 2012.

The needs assessment survey asks for some basic demographic information, but the survey is intended to be anonymous. Respondents are asked to rate whether certain services are a high priority, low priority or no priority.

The deadline for surveys to be returned is January 17th, 2012. If you have any questions about the needs assessment survey, please contact James Patterson or Jill Collins at 1-800-928-7233.



WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD



On-The Job Training Funds Available

The On-the-Job (OJT) wage rate for the OJT National Emergency Grant program has been modified to a payroll minimum of \$9.00 per hour by the WKWIB to better meet the wage needs of local businesses. Funds are currently available for the program. Please contact Tom Sholar (270) 886-9484 or Ann Oldham (270) 821-9966 regarding the use of OJT funds for business new hires. This program is targeted to end in June, 2012.

West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board Exceed Performance Goals

The WKWIB exceeded their performance goals for the Program Year 2010. The WKWIB served over 3600 Adult and Dislocated Workers and exited 695 from the program. Over 80% of the participants exited found employment and over 90% of the participants were still employed after nine months. The average wage increase for participants ranged from \$14,394 to \$15,821.

In addition, the WKWIB served 386 Youth with 266 of the participants exiting the program. Over 72% Youth exiting the program either obtained employment or entered into post secondary education. Of the participants, over 77% earned their diploma/GED.

West Kentucky Career Center System Services at One-Stop Career Centers Non-Duplicated Customers July 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011

Center Location	Customers Served	Services Provided
Breathitt Career Center-Hopkinsville (including Ft. Campbell & Pennyriple ADD sites)	8,253	41,299
JobNet Career Center – Madisonville (including OET, Federal Street site)	5,252	33,501
Mayfield Career Center - Mayfield (including Purchase ADD site)	3,492	21,858
Paducah Career Center - Paducah	6,025	34,464
Career Advancement Center - Central City	1,126	6,330
Career Discovery Center – Murray	2,280	16,399
Total	26,428	115,941

Count of Customers Obtaining Services by County of Residence

County	Services
Ballard	461
Caldwell	831
Calloway	1853
Carlisle	252
Christian	5220
Crittenden	389
Fulton	406
Graves	2873
Hickman	236
Hopkins	3793
Livingston	469
Lyon	372
Marshall	1612
McCracken	4160
Muhlenberg	2256
Todd	633
Trigg	967

HOLIDAY WISHES

The staff of the Pennyriple Area Development District would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The PADD office will be closed December 23rd, 26th & 30th and January 2nd in observance of these two holidays.

*Source: *Employ Kentucky Operating System (EKOS)*



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