

Spring 2011

Meetings with Legislators



Jackson County EDA traveled to Washington D.C. in March, and Montgomery in April to meet with federal and state legislators as part of our continuing efforts to lobby for issues that are important to business and industry in Jackson County. These efforts have proven very successful over the years and we have developed a good relationship with our elected officials who are always eager to help with economic development efforts.

In the past 6 months,
JCEDA assisted with
9 expansions of
existing industries
and worked projects
for 21 different
prospects!

Jackson County: "Front Door" of TVA's Nuclear Program

Tom Kilgore, President & CEO of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) recently visited with local community leaders at the office of JCEDA. He said that Jackson County is the "front door" of their nuclear program because all workers are required to go through the In-Processing and Training Center that opened in Jackson County Industrial Park last fall.



Pictured left to right are Dr. David Campbell, JCEDA Board Chairman & President of NACC, Tom Kilgore, TVA President/CEO, and Dus Rogers, JCEDA President/CEO.

Bellefonte Update

The main purpose of Tom Kilgore's recent visit to Jackson County was to give an update on the course expected for Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, in light of the recent tragic events in Japan. He said that although the TVA Board didn't make further decisions at the April Board meeting, the current plans in place for Bellefonte will not slow down. Kilgore said, "The one thing more important than building the Bellefonte Nuclear plant is to build it to operate safely over its entire life."



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JCEDA's Dus Rogers to Retire from Military



Dus Rogers, JCEDA's President & CEO, will transfer to the Retired Reserve from the US Army Reserve on June 1, 2011 after over 30 years of service. The first 24 years were spent in service to the Alabama Army National Guard in mostly Combat Engineering units. Dus enlisted when he was a high school senior and was trained as a 12C bridge crewman.

He attended the Alabama Military Academy where he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1983. He served in a variety of leadership positions such as Platoon Leader 168th EN CO, Company Commander 166th EN Co. & Co. A, 151 EN BN, Acting Battalion Commander 1343rd EN BN, Battalion Commander 200th EN BN, Acting Commander of 1169th EN Group, EN Officer for 62nd AL Troop Command, and several other staff positions.

Dus had a good career and served with dedicated soldiers. He retires with the rank of Colonel.

Congratulations, Dus!



Thank you
to our Expanding Industries!
Total Investment of over
\$23 million in Jackson County in 2010

Heat Transfer Products Group, LLC
Imperial Aluminum, LLC
Maples Industries, Inc.
Sanoh America, Inc.
Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
US Gypsum Corporation

Spotlight on Allies

JCEDA recently hosted a reception in Montgomery to thank our allies for their contributions in supporting the economic development efforts of Jackson County.

One of our allies is Pete Schaum/Senior Project Manager of Alabama Development Office (soon to be renamed Alabama Dept. of Commerce). He served in the US Army as a field artillery officer in Viet Nam and had a successful sales career before starting a career with the state.

Pete has always been a friend to Jackson County. During Pete's 20-year-plus service at ADO, he has worked many projects that located here. He most recently worked with the Jackson County EDA staff to help locate the HTPG consolidation from Yuma, AZ into the Scottsboro facility. Pete is always willing to drive up from Montgomery and enjoys the beautiful mountains and lakes of Jackson County. We enjoy working with Pete and thank him for his great service and friendship!



Pete Schaum