

Bellefonte Unit 1 to be Completed

The Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors voted 9-0 on August 18 to complete the Unit 1 reactor of Bellefonte nuclear power plant. A group of 26 community leaders from Northeast Alabama attended the board meeting. Approximately a dozen people, including Dus Rogers, spoke to the TVA board in support of Bellefonte during the listening session prior to the vote.

TVA's decision was not based on creating jobs, but on producing electricity to keep up with future demand, and producing it in a clean and safe manner. However, jobs will be a great benefit to Jackson County and the surrounding area with an estimated 2,800 construction jobs for the project, and 600-700 permanent jobs once the plant is up and running. Construction will begin in 2013/14 and the plant is expected to go on line 2018/20.

JCEDA is very excited about Bellefonte moving forward, and about the future of Jackson County!



Dr. David Campbell, Dus Rogers, Rudder Williams, Stacy Ledwell

**Join us on September 15
for the 18th Annual
Industry Appreciation Dinner
and Golf Tournament
or Boat Ride!
Call us for more information!**

Bruce Purdy Joins JCEDA Board of Directors

Bruce Purdy has been appointed by the Jackson County Commission to join the Board of Directors of Jackson County EDA. Bruce has worked at North Alabama Electric Cooperative for 19 years and has been general manager since 2002.

He has been involved with economic development on the regional level as a member of North Alabama Industrial Development Association for many years. Bruce is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Jacksonville State University. The EDA staff and board welcome Bruce and look forward to working with him.



TVA Road Show

Dus and Shelia recently participated in TVA's "Marketing and Selling Your Existing Building Road Show" held in Florence, AL. Topics included rethinking your community's approach to selling existing buildings, current trends in the site selection industry, how successful communities have sold their product, and TVA resources available to help your community.



Shelia, Dus, and Tate Godfrey of NAIDA

Alabama Economic Development Alliance

JCEDA President, Dus Rogers, has been appointed to the Alabama Economic Development Alliance, a group created in July by executive order of Governor Robert Bentley. The Alliance will begin a series of Listening Sessions in which community and business leaders will develop Alabama's first Statewide Strategic Plan for Economic Development. The North Alabama Session will be held at the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce on September 26 from 3:00–5:00. JCEDA encourages our local leaders to attend!

NAEC Selects ADTRAN

North Alabama Electric Cooperative (NAEC), recipient of a broadband stimulus award, has selected ADTRAN's flagship product, the Total Access[®] 5000 Multi-Service Access and Aggregation Platform (MSAP). NAEC is investing in state-of-the-art fiber and broadband architectures. This will allow North Alabama to reach thousands of residents in underserved areas within the region as well as businesses, schools, libraries, the Jackson County Industrial Park, and Bellefonte Nuclear Plant. The fiber infrastructure will allow North Alabama to better communicate with TVA, providing near real-time meter readings that will enable demand response for power generation. This project has also served as an engine for economic development, allowing new businesses to develop and grow.



Ed Castile-AIDT, Tate Godfrey-NAIDA, Dus Rogers

Open House at the AL Robotics Technology Park (RTP). Phase I & II are open and offer free training for existing industries in Alabama. Contact us to learn more!

In Memory of Bunn Lovelady

Bunn Lovelady passed away on August 18, 2011 at the age of 85. He served on JCEDA's Board of Directors from its inception in 1984 until he decided to retire from the board in June of this year. He was Vice Chairman for 11 years and Chairman for 14 years. His leadership has had a great impact on Jackson County and he will be greatly missed.

Pictured below is Bunn with JCEDA staff, Dus, Shelia, and Marilyn, at a reception held on June 30th to honor him for his 27 years of dedication and loyal service on the board.



Spotlight on Allies

The Economic Development Association of Alabama (EDAA), formed in the 1960's, is a network of Alabama economic development professionals with over 500 members.

The association has been pivotal in key economic development legislation, and has also been a leader in the creation of educational opportunities and training programs for its members and for community leaders.

Two EDAA conferences are held each year. Dus, Shelia, and board members Rudder Williams, Jim Green, and Bruce Purdy recently participated in the summer conference. The theme of the conference was "A Message of Reset and Renewal."

EDAA continues to positively impact economic development in Alabama and JCEDA appreciates their efforts.

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Since June, JCEDA
has assisted 9
existing industries
and worked projects
for 11 prospects!