

# ECONOMIC SPOTLIGHT

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## GLENDALE SITE RECEIVES CSX MEGASITE CERTIFICATION

A large group of dignitaries including Governor Steve Beshear, KCED Secretary, Larry Hayes, officials from CSX Transportation and local government and industry representative were in attendance on Monday, April 12th for an official announcement that a 1,551 acre site located in Glendale, Kentucky has been certified as a CSX Megasite by McCallum Sweeney Consulting, a leading site selection consulting firm based in Greenville, South Carolina.

The evaluation of the Glendale site is part of an initiative sponsored by CSX Transportation, Inc. and administered by McCallum Sweeney Consulting to identify and evaluate potential sites within the CSXT service area suitable for large-scale development projects.

Property size, access to CSX rail service, proximity to an interstate highway, labor availability, natural gas, wastewater and water infrastructures were part of the minimum criteria that was necessary in order to submit this property for consideration. Additionally, the site had to undergo a thorough and extensive environmental audit, and a geotechnical assessment. A wetlands delineation was completed and the site was certified free of endangered species. A complete archeological or historical significance assessment was also performed on the entire site. This entire certification process began in 2008.

"The distinction of being named a CSX Megasite by McCallum Sweeney Consulting is a tremendous benefit to the Glendale site in Elizabethtown," said Governor Steve Beshear. "The site has previously been a finalist in many potential large-scale projects and this new honor will once again put a spotlight on this prime piece of shovel-ready property."



Pictured are: Rick Games, EHCIF, Alan Beaty, CSX, Larry Hayes, KCED, Dave Willmoth, Elizabethtown Mayor, Governor Steve Beshear, Joe Prather, Harry Berry, Hardin County Judge Executive and Greg Jenkins, EHCIF.

## News Effecting our Manufacturing/Service Community

- Metalsa, S.A. de C.V., a subsidiary of Grupo Proeza, recently announced that it had finalized the purchase of several facilities included in the structural products business of Dana Holding Corporation. The acquisition, announced in December 2009, included the facility in Elizabethtown. EHCIF welcomes Metalsa to the community and looks forward to working with their representatives.
- ECTC will dedicate the Phase II Building of the Regional Postsecondary Education Center on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. The building will house all of the allied health programs in addition to administrative offices.
- The construction of WL Plastics in the Hughes Industrial Center is underway and is expected to be completed mid to late June. The Plant Manager, Jody Hair, has relocated from Wyoming and is overseeing the day-to-day progress.
- Elizabethtown-Hardin Chamber of Commerce, The Lincoln Trail Career Center, Lincoln Trail Area Development District and EHCIF sponsored a Job Fair at the Pritchard Community Center on Thursday, April 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There was a very large turnout with 35 employers present and approximately 1,600 job seekers in attendance.



## JOB TRAINING ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE

Project **RENEW** offers vouchers up to \$5,000 for employers. The goal of Project **RENEW** is to match employers who have current full-time job openings with dislocated workers who are receiving unemployment insurance and are close to having the necessary skill sets for the position. The \$5,000 voucher (up to 50 percent of the trainee's wages) is available to help offset the employer's expense of on-the-job training until June 30, 2011. Small businesses may be eligible for a reimbursement greater than 50 percent through June 30, 2010. Employers may also be eligible for tax credit assistance. Project **RENEW** services are available for a training period up to six months or 1040 hours.

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