



# **Economic Development Corporation** Christian County

Report of the Christian  
County Economic  
Development Corporation  
2010

# Economic Development Update

- Executive Committee CCEDC 2009

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- **Board Members:**

- **Robert M. Amling:** Pana Chamber of Commerce
- **Brian Atwood:** GSI
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- **Board Of Directors CCEDC**

- **Marylee C. Lasswell:** Breeze Courier
- **Thomas R. Latonis:** Pana News
- **Scott R. Lensink:** President, Lake Land Community College
- **Dr. David Lett:** Pana Community Unit School District 8
- **Gary Letterly:** University of Illinois Extension Office
- **John Livesay:** 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank
- **Randal J. Miller:** Miller Media
- **Lawrence D. Peterson:** Domino Engineering
- **Fred Ronnow:** Taylorville Chamber of Commerce
- **Josh M. Shallenberger:** Shelby Electric Cooperative
- **Dr. Charlotte J. Warren:** Lincoln Land Community College
- **Karen L. Yeaman:** Peoples Bank

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- Taylorville Business and Industrial Park:
  - Taylorville Development Association (TDA) in cooperation with their development partners, CCEDC, Christian County and the City of Taylorville have successfully negotiated the sale of approximately 84 acres with ADM west of the ADM facility in Christian County for the development of a new industrial park.
  - The sale was completed in the fall of 2008. TDA will own the property and CCEDC will market and facilitate projects in the new industrial park.
  - A decision on the direction of future development of the Taylorville Business and Industrial Park will await the outcome of the Taylorville Energy Center project.

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- The following projects are in various stages of development. Each has received ongoing technical assistance from CCEDC in 2008-2009:
- Prairie Fork Wind Farm:
  - Dominion, one of the nation's leading energy companies, is proposing to build a 300-megawatt wind farm with 150 to 200 turbines spread across approximately 25,000 acres in Christian and Montgomery counties.
  - Construction of the facility, which would have the capacity to power tens of thousands of homes, is currently on hold due to the state of the economy.
  - The wind farm would supplement – not replace – the generating capacity of Kincaid Power Station and would have many community benefits, including:
    - The creation of 15-20 permanent jobs and hundreds of construction-phase jobs;
    - Regular, long-term income to participating land owners; and
    - Increased tax revenue for Christian and Montgomery counties to the tune of \$1 million annually.
    - CCEDC was notified that the project is on hold until further notice. Dominion continues to collect data from three meteorological towers.

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- Rolling Farms Wind Project:
  - Trade Wind Energy LLC, in partnership with Enel North America, Inc., are in the process of gathering wind resource data for a 100-turbine, 150 megawatt wind farm project north of Pana.
  - The final project is expected to have a 15,000 acre foot print.
  - Trade Wind Energy has several wind farm projects under development throughout the Midwest, but Rolling Farms Wind Project is its only Illinois site under consideration at this time.
  - Estimated Investment: \$4 Million Per Turbine
  - Estimated Jobs Created: 100 to 150 during construction, 8 full time jobs.
  - Land owner leases continue to be negotiated by Trade Wind Energy , LLC and land owners in Christian County.

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- **The GSI Group, Inc.:**
  - The GSI Group has expanded the Swine Protein Business Unit to the Taylorville Industrial Center. The project is receiving ongoing technical assistance from CCEDC.
  - Start up operations were in early 2007
    - Projected Jobs Created: 25
    - Projected Jobs Retained: 125
    - Projected Investment: \$4 M
  - GSI conducted an immediate expansion after start up
  - Current jobs at the Taylorville facility: 210

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- Waste Management/Buckley Growers of Illinois:
  - CCEDC provided technical assistance to the WM/Buckley's project during 2006-2007. Ground breaking on both projects took place in early 2007.
    - Enterprise Zone expansion to benefit both projects was approved by DCEO in November 2006
    - Buckley Growers of Illinois received EDGE Tax Credits from DCEO for the project.
    - Projected Investment: \$10 M
    - Projected Jobs: 35
    - CCEDC Director participated in a promotional video for Waste Management on the Taylorville project in 2009.

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- Taylorville Energy Center:
  - The TEC project involves the construction of a 525 mega watt Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) coal plant fueled by Illinois coal. In order for the project to move forward complex legislation must pass both the Illinois House and Senate.
  - The TEC project as proposed in Senate Bill 1987 passed both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate . A FEED ( Cost Analysis) study was completed by Tenaska and forwarded to the Illinois Commerce Commission. For review. The ICC submitted the analysis of the FEED to the Illinois General Assembly on September 1, 2010. The Illinois General Assembly is expected to vote on whether the project will move forward during the 2010 veto session in November. Construction could begin in the fall of 2011.
  - Projected Job Creation: 400
  - Projected Construction Jobs Created: 2500
  - Projected Investment: \$3.5 Billion

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- Taylorville Mining Company /Rhino Energy:
  - TMC has concluded reengineering activity on the design of a coal mine located in section 32 of Stonington Township. The mine was originally owned by Christian Coal Company and was purchased by the Wexford Group in 2006 and renamed Taylorville Mining Company in 2007. The TMC project is not contingent on the Taylorville Energy Center project moving forward. The project is scheduled to break ground in in 2011. TMC is expected to produce between 2.5 and 3 million tons of coal per year.
    - Projected Job Creation: 200
    - Projected Investment: \$100 M

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- **Macon Metals Products (MMP):**
  - Macon Metals, through the City of Taylorville, received a grant from the State of Illinois for \$100,000 to purchase a new laser and construct housing for the laser at their current site. CCEDC provided technical assistance with the project.
  - CCEDC continues to work with Macon Metals on a possible new location for expansion of the business in Christian County.
  - CCEDC continues to provide ongoing technical assistance to MMP in attempting to identify sites in Taylorville for a future expansion project.

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- **Technical Assistance was also provided to the following businesses, individuals and organizations by CCEDC:**

- **ADP Tax Credit Service**
- **ATY Building Systems**
- **Ahlstrom Filtration**
- **ADM**
- **Design Manufacturing and Corrugating**
- **Consolidated Communications**
- **GSI**
- **Macon Metals**
- **Ameren**
- **Pinnacle Financial**
- **Caton Commercial Real Estate Group**
- **USDA**
- **Wilkinson Development**
- **Agracel**
- **Midwest Holdings**
- **ProLiance Energy**
- **KPMG**
- **Central Rail Consulting**
- **Kline Energy**
- **L and L Auto Mart**
- **Kreiger's Restaurants**
- **Capstone Management**
- **Buckley Growers of Illinois, Inc.**

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- Technical Assistance was also provided to the following businesses, individuals and organizations by CCEDC:
  - Site Selection Magazine
  - Expansion Management
  - Maximus, Inc.
  - Goodwill Industries
  - Central Realty
  - Norfolk and Southern Rail Road
  - Frontier Industries
  - EDA
  - Ahlstrom Engine Filtration
  - ECIDC Labor Survey
  - IDOT
  - TIDC
  - Rural Partners
  - Illinois Development Council
  - University of Illinois Extension Service
  - Taylorville Chamber of Commerce
  - CB Richard Ellis
  - Jones Lang LaSalle
  - Dedrick Development
  - Armstrong Development
  - Bob Westfall & Donald Day Developers
  - BPI
  - Drummond Coal Company
  - Erora Group
  - Tenaska
  - Ely Consulting
  - Pace Setter Steel

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- Technical Assistance was also provided to the following businesses, individuals and organizations by CCEDC:
  - Larry Johnson Developer
  - ADP Tax Services
  - NAPA
  - LRF Engineering
  - Fastenal
  - Prairie Land Development
  - McCladery Pullen
  - PGAV
  - EBL&S Property Management
  - Charlotte May
  - The Garrison Group
  - Geri Kirkbride
  - Georgia McKenzie
  - Jim Diss
  - Pat Irwin
  - Janice Brown
  - PGAV
  - The Inn Pros, Inc.
  - Barbara Hamlin
  - Chris Schmatz
  - Joanna Daemaggio
  - Kent Bangert
  - Rick Heller
  - Terry Pullen-Federal Government
  - Village of Edinburg
  - Burns McDonnell Engineers
  - Kiewit Engineers
  - In addition to those contacts listed above approximately 60 other individuals received technical assistance on a variety of business related issues from CCEDC during 2007-2008.

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  - David McClung, Tax Credit & Employer Service Division  
MAXIMUS, INC
  - Greg Dunning
  - Aaron's Sales and Lease
  - Jessica Crowe
  - Shipping Utilities, Inc
  - Jeff Kimble
  - Global Expansion
  - Kim Homier
  - Village of Edinburg
  - Carl Workman
  - CLS
  - Illinois State Geological Survey
  - Radio Shack
  - Cardwell Commercial Reality
  - RadioShack
  - Aarons
  - Aldi
  - NextEra Energy Resources, LLC

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- Retention Interviews
  - 2007-2009
    - Ahlstrom Engine Filtration, LLC
    - STA-CARE, Inc.
    - Macon Metals
    - GSI
    - Consolidated
    - MBM
    - Design Corrugated and Manufacturing
    - Louis Marsch
    - ATY Building Systems
    - Buckley Growers
    - Waste Management

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- Marketing Efforts:
  - Community Profiles Updates:
    - Kincaid
    - Taylorville
    - Pana
  - Website:
    - Updated demographic information for Christian County communities on State of Illinois site and building data base, Location One
    - Updated building and site data on Location One
    - Developed Business Satisfaction Survey available on the web site
    - Developed Business Feedback Survey available on the web site

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- **Partnerships/Affiliations:**
- **Economic Development Administration**
  - CCEDC has been working with EDA since 2007 to discuss possible funding for infrastructure for a new industrial/business park in Taylorville.
- **East Central Illinois Development Corporation**
  - Provided economic development related and demographic information for Christian County.
- **City of Taylorville:**
  - ED Director served as Chairperson of the ED Subcommittee for the update of the Taylorville Comprehensive Plan
- **Conference and Trade Show participation :**
  - Illinois Development Council Conference and Annual Meeting in 2007 and 2008.
  - CoreNet Global in Atlanta Georgia in 2007 to market Christian County as a location for business. CoreNet is the largest conference in the world for corporate real estate executives and site locators
  - Rural Partners Annual Meeting and Conference
  - Economic Development Summit-Senate District 49

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- Illinois Development Council:
  - 2001 the IDC Distinguished Developer of the Year Award. 2004 Chairman of the Board.
  - 2005 Immediate Past Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman and member Governmental Affairs Committee.
  - 2006-2008 Member Governmental Affairs and Marketing Committees
    - Taylorville Chamber of Commerce:
      - ED Director participates in the Vision for Taylorville Meetings sponsored by the Taylorville Chamber of Commerce
- Consultant Information:
  - Over 30 years experience in economic development.
  - Served as Division Manager, Market Development for DCCA- managed a staff of 40 and a budget of approximately 2M.
  - Co-authored the Illinois Business Retention Manual, drafted the Enterprise Zone Annual Report, assisted in writing the rules for the EDGE Tax Credit Program.
  - Facilitated the Governor's Task Force on Ownership Succession, and the Business Retention Task Force.

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