



LEAVENWORTH COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

INSIDE LOOK

FOURTH QUARTER 2020



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2020

WHAT A YEAR

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.
Wishing you and yours a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Steve, Mary and Lisa

2020 Highlights

\$356M

Announced for a *new*
Federal Penitentiary Project

Facilitated and marketed COVID-19
financials resources to local companies

600 Local businesses who *received*
assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic

\$18M+ in *loans*

Saved **3,106 jobs**

Facilitated nearly

\$1.4 million

in tax credits and grants resulting in

633 retained jobs

\$13.5 million in capital investment

11,400

of *new square footage of buildings* added to
the Urban Hess Business Park in Tonganoxie

Urban Hess Business Park

Four New Buildings Constructed in 18-Months at Urban Hess Business Park

IST – Industrial Service Technologies is one of four new buildings under construction in Tonganoxie’s Urban Hess Business Park. The company plans to employ 17 people in the first year with a total of up to 37 jobs within five years. IST is constructing a 6,400 square-foot building initially with options to expand as the company grows.

LCDC, the Leavenworth County Port Authority (LCPA), the City of Tonganoxie and the Kansas Department of Commerce worked with IST to bring its company headquarters and metal fabrication division to Tonganoxie.

The location of IST comes on the heels of the location of **Wilson Glass** to the business park earlier this year. Wilson Glass fabricates window frames for buildings in the Kansas City region. Also, this year **HMC Performance Coatings**, a full-service powder coating company, finished construction on a 10,000 square foot expansion in the park. Last year, **S & S Alloy Steel**, a metal service center, built a new facility in Urban Hess to replace its original building which was destroyed in a fire in late 2018.

➔ COVID-19 Resources

LCDC added a new page to its website for ongoing business and government COVID-19 pandemic resources. The portal was updated frequently with information on loan, grant and workforce services. LCDC mobilized its website quickly to become a “go-to” resource for the business community.



LCDC Received Evergy’s Hometown Economic Recovery Grant for Workforce Development

LCDC is a recipient of Evergy’s Hometown Economic Recovery Grant in response to COVID-19. This \$15,000 grant will be used to fund a workforce program that will be implemented by Restored Aircraft Sales & Services, a new LCDC member located in Basehor.

This program will be used as a launch pad for the development of a STEM program intended for students, grades K-12 as well a tool to retrain local employees.

➔ Cereal Ingredients is Now Hiring!



Daytime production workers start at \$18/per hour with benefits
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Zoom Marketing and Networking Events

Steve and Lisa continue to be active participants on several boards and committees and have attended many conferences via Zoom this quarter including KCADC's virtual annual meeting and a Site Selection Guild's virtual networking event.

Steve continues to serve as the President of Kansas Economic Developers Alliance (KEDA) which recently helped the Kansas Department of Commerce adopt LocationOne Information System statewide. He also continues to represent Leavenworth County on the Team Kansas board. Lisa completed her first year at the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute (EDI).



Projects in the Pipeline

LCDC staff is currently working on several active development prospects in the pipeline. Staff's efforts have included responding to detailed requests for information as well as hosting site tours. These inquiries have included potential development projects in Leavenworth, Lansing, Tonganoxie and Basehor.

*So far this year, LCDC has had **82 leads,**
a **37%** increase from 2019.*



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