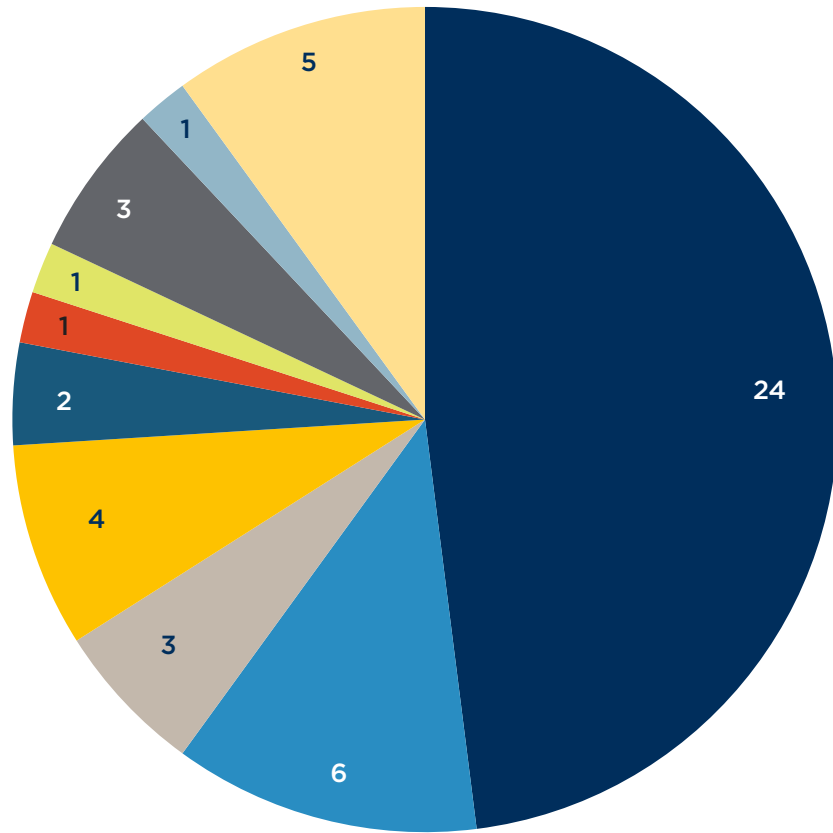


2025 PROJECT ACTIVITY



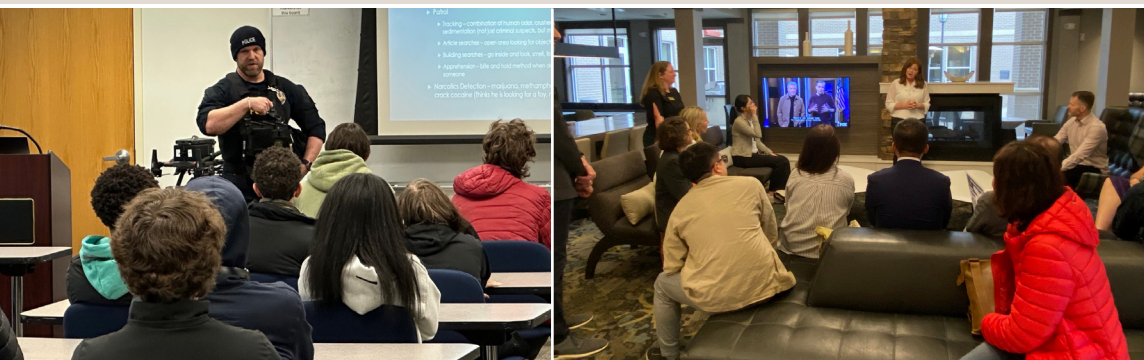
- Manufacturing - 24
- Service Provider - 6
- Distribution - 3
- Data Center - 4
- Food service - 2
- R&D - 1
- Residential - 1
- Energy - 3
- Retail - 1
- Undisclosed - 5



The Leavenworth County Port Authority (LCPA) launched a new community education campaign aimed at informing and engaging residents of the critical role economic development plays in the future of Leavenworth County.

The Campaign focused on three core areas:

- Value of Economic Development
- Transparency and Accountability
- Building Trust and Support.



Leavenworth County Development Corporation (LCDC) is the catalyst for economic growth in three distinct communities near the Kansas City metropolitan area — Leavenworth, Lansing and Tonganoxie in Leavenworth County, Kansas. This powerful coalition ensures access to critical partners to accelerate and maximize investment for companies looking to startup, relocate or expand. Streamlined permitting, customized incentives, market-ready inventory — *LCDC is designed to deliver.*



Lisa Haack • Executive Director
Lhaack@LVCountyEd.org

1294 Eisenhower Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048
913.727.6111 • www.LVCountyED.org



LEAVENWORTH COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2025 A LOOK BACK

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we reflect on the past year, it is impossible to ignore the broader economic uncertainty that still exists. Across the country, many development projects slowed or halted altogether as businesses navigated rising costs, financing challenges, and market volatility. While the first half of the year was relatively quiet in terms of new project activity, the resilience of our local economy—and the strength of our existing employers—told a more encouraging story.

Despite these headwinds, we remained focused on supporting the businesses that already call Leavenworth County home showing value to our investors. Through direct assistance and advocacy, we helped existing employers secure more than \$500,000 in funding and incentives. As a result of these efforts, local businesses invested \$4.56 million into our community, retained 38 jobs, and created 9 new positions—a meaningful impact during an uncertain year.

Workforce development remained a central priority. We again hosted a county-wide job fair and initiated—and guided—the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Symposium. This collaborative effort represents a significant step toward strengthening our talent pipeline and aligning education with the needs of both existing and future employers throughout Leavenworth County.

In addition, we worked to elevate Leavenworth County's profile at both the regional and national levels, ensuring our community remained visible and competitive. While project inquiries were limited early in the year, momentum shifted dramatically in the second half of 2025. By year's end, we matched the total number of project inquiries from the previous year, responding to more than 20 prospects, 13 of which remain active.

We worked alongside our municipal investors to better understand the unique needs of each city and gained a more complete understanding of direction for the future. We are excited for the new projects that are in the area, to build on growing Leavenworth County. Because every project that comes to Leavenworth County helps to broaden the tax base for all real estate taxpayers.

Refocusing our efforts through a strategic plan will allow us to be more efficient, targeted, and impactful as we move through 2026. We engaged a consultant to help better define the areas where we should focus our time and efforts. In turn these changes should help us to serve the entire investor base.

We will remain steady in our mission and rooted in our commitment to Leavenworth County. We are the only organization in the County dedicated full-time to facilitating job creation, supporting capital investment, and helping our community expand its tax base and grow economically. Even in uncertain times, progress is possible, and 2025 demonstrated the value of persistence, partnership, and purpose.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our work.

Sincerely,
Brian Habjan

SUPPORTING LEAVENWORTH COUNTY BUSINESSES

SUPPORTED EXISTING BUSINESSES: Helped local companies save or secure **\$551,775**, which led to:
\$4.56 million in new investment
38 jobs retained
9 new positions created in Leavenworth County

ENGAGED LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS: Raised community awareness through **Investor Luncheons, Connect & Grow networking events in Lansing, Tonganoxie, and Leavenworth**, and a featured appearance on a local podcast. Luncheon topics included the **2025 FIFA World Cup, DSM-Firmenich's new facility, the CTE Symposium, and water utility opportunities and challenges in the county.**

LED WORKFORCE PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT: Initiated and guided the **Career Technical Education (CTE) Symposium** to collaboratively create a county-wide program utilizing all levels of education, including high school, community college and four-year universities. This initiative will supply a workforce pipeline for our local businesses, thereby, ensuring that our existing businesses can be fully staffed at all levels, new businesses can be assured of a skilled workforce resource, and young people will have the opportunity to stay in the area rather than leaving for better opportunities.

ADVOCATED FOR LOCAL EMPLOYERS: Provided testimony in Topeka supporting state programs that will assist Leavenworth County businesses reinvesting in growth and modernization.

DELIVERED BROAD BUSINESS SUPPORT: Offered targeted assistance to a wide range of companies—including manufacturers, service providers, utilities, food service operations, recreation businesses, a university, retail establishments, and an information technology firm.

PROVIDED STRATEGIC ASSISTANCE: Delivered workforce solutions (including a career fair), real estate and site selection support, guidance on state programs, technical assistance, grant information, and letters of support to help businesses advance and expand.



ELEVATING LEAVENWORTH COUNTY'S PROFILE



EXPANDED NATIONAL VISIBILITY: Showcased Leavenworth County at site consultant events in Atlanta, Austin, Los Angeles, Nashville, Indianapolis, Chicago, and Orlando, elevating the county's profile among key decision-makers.

INCREASED REGIONAL OUTREACH: Strengthened regional connections through events with the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC), CREW KC, MetroWire Media, and SIOR, positioning the county competitively within the Kansas City region.



ADVANCED NEW PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES: Responded to **50 project inquiries**, submitted properties for 20 opportunities. **Thirteen remain active**, representing more than **\$500 million** in potential capital investment and **1,700 prospective new jobs** for Leavenworth County.

Congratulations to the winning teams and thanks to all the sponsors at LCDC's annual Golf Tournament!

