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Carroll County Economic Development Awards Grant to Carroll Technology Council (11/15/05)

Westminster, MD - The Carroll County Department of Economic Development awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Carroll Technology Council (CTC) at the Tech Council's annual event in late October. Economic Development Deputy Director and CTC Board member, Denise Beaver presented the check to CTC President Josh Kohn, CTC Director Lynn Karr and incoming CTC President, Ron Harrington.



“The grant award is to further support the great work that the Carroll Technology Council is doing to advance technology awareness and advancement in Carroll County”, stated Economic Development Director, Lawrence Twele. “The Tech Council is a very important and active organization in the County which helps us to mobilize technology professionals living and working in the County. Together we are supporting a growing technology sector which is a key industry for our attraction and retention efforts in Carroll County.”

Two programs that Economic Development is currently co-sponsoring with the Tech Council are Ask the Expert, an information technology educational forum for small business owners and LOCATE – a List of Carroll Area Technology Expertise which is a technology services, resources and vendor listing for businesses and citizens.

Information about technology development, news and resources in Carroll County can be found on the Economic Development website at www.carrollbiz.org. The Carroll

Technology Council's website at www.carrolltechcouncil.org has information on upcoming meetings, Ask the Expert, LOCATE and special CTC events.

Newsletter Honored by Northeast Economic Development Association (10/13/05)

The Carroll County Department of Economic Development's summer 2005 newsletter "Business Expansion Issue" has been named "Superior/Best of Category" by the Northeastern Economic Developers Association (NEDA) as part of their 2005 Literature & Promotions Competition. NEDA is comprised of Economic Development organizations from Maine to Maryland and east of Ohio.



Eric Anderson, Executive Director of NEDA said, "NEDA's Literature & Promotions Awards recognize the very best – and most effective – work in our profession. The judges can, and sometimes do, choose not to give an award at all. Therefore you may be justifiably proud that your work has met the test of your colleagues – and competitors – from throughout the Northeastern United States. You should take special pride in your "Best of Category" award,

indicating that yours was the best overall newsletter entry NEDA received this year regardless of [your organizations] budget."

"We are extremely pleased and honored that our newsletter took top honors in a region that comprises 11 states and many economic development organizations much larger than Carroll County" said Economic Development Director, Larry Twele. "We are always happy to showcase our local business success stories, and this business expansion issue again shows that Carroll is a vibrant business destination."

The award was presented during NEDA's annual conference which was held this year in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, October 8-11, 2005.

Click here to view the newsletter: "Summer 2005: Business Expansion Issue".
(696KB) 

General Dynamics Breaks Ground on New Expansion (09/06/05)

Westminster, MD – General Dynamics Robotic Systems (GDRS) broke ground August 9, 2005 on a new 150,000 square foot building in the West Branch Trade Center. The new building, which is projected to open in the second quarter of 2006, will be home to approximately 135 new employees which will be added to their current workforce of over 300 over the next several years.

“The expansion consolidates our manufacturing operations under one roof, helps grow Carroll County’s resident industries, assists in attracting a diverse workforce to the area and strengthens the regions contribution of our nation’s defense” said GDRS president Scott Myers. The initiative will move machining and assembly operations from several leased facilities and will allow GDRS’s current 80,000 square foot building in the West Branch Trade Center to be converted into an advanced engineering center.



“We are extremely pleased with General Dynamics’ continued success and expansion here in Carroll County,” said Lawrence F. Twele, director of Carroll County Dept. of Economic Development. “We’ve seen GDRS grow from a small machine shop into a world-class manufacturing firm that will soon occupy well over 200,000 square feet. Carroll County’s location in the Baltimore/Washington technology corridor, our qualified workforce, and our business retention programs are key attributes that helped GDRS to prosper.”



In fact, the local workforce is so good says Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R – MD 6th Dist.), “that companies with divisions elsewhere always say how great their [local] workforce is compared to other places around the country.”

The GDRS expansion will help the company fulfill a 2003 contract to develop the Autonomous Navigation System (ANS) for the U.S. Army’s Future Combat Systems (FCS) program, and expand their capacity to manufacture the ammunition handling system on the U.S. Army’s newest combat vehicle, the Stryker Mobile Gun System.

GDRS is wholly owned by General Dynamics Land Systems which is a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics, headquartered in Falls Church, VA. General Dynamics employs nearly 71,000 people worldwide and had 2004 revenue of over \$19 billion.

Partners Announce "Ask the Expert" Series (08/22/05)

Business Owners and entrepreneurs will be able to get information technology questions answered in one place by the experts at no cost!



The Carroll County Department of Economic Development, the Carroll Community College, and the Carroll Technology Council are co-sponsoring a four-part educational series focusing on business communication systems, networks, and network security and maintenance issues.

Sessions will be held September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14 from 7:30 am - 9:00 am. All sessions are held at Carroll Community College and registration is required by calling the Miller Small Business Resource Center at 410-386-8012 or registering online at www.carrolltechcouncil.org.

Click here for detailed session information: "Ask the Expert Flyer". (384KB) 

GOBA Announces Carroll County Business Forum (08/22/05)

The Governor's Office of Business Advocacy and Small Business Assistance (GOBA) is committed to helping Maryland businesses achieve success. As part of this commitment to business support, GOBA has arranged a face to face small business forum in Carroll County to help new businesses and existing business owners learn about valuable programs and services from a variety of state agencies.

The forum is September 20 from 8:30 am – 10:30 am at the Carroll Community College. Room L287. No registration is required and the information session is free to attend.

To download and print the flyer, please click here: "GOBA Business Forum Flyer". (75KB) 

Ravens Prepare to Start Training Camp at McDaniel College (07/11/05)



The NFL's Baltimore Ravens are preparing to start their summer training camp again this year on the campus of McDaniel College in Westminster. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Ravens' annual summer camp at McDaniel and their 10th season playing football in Baltimore.

"For nine years we've enjoyed a great relationship and partnership with McDaniel College, and we plan to keep our training camp at that location in Westminster" said Steve Bisciotti, majority owner of the Ravens.

In April 2004 the Ravens and McDaniel College extended their agreement to hold the annual camp at McDaniel through 2010. During its 2-3 week stay in Westminster, the camp has historically generated upwards of 100,000 spectators.

Players report for camp on Sunday, July 31st. The first practice will be held on Monday morning, August 1st. Training camp is scheduled to end following the morning practice on Friday, August 19th.

For more information on the Ravens training camp and tentative schedule, click here: [Baltimore Ravens Summer Training Camp](#)

Carroll County Regional Airport Wins Top in Maryland (06/30/05)

Carroll County Regional Airport was recently honored as the 2005 Airport of the Year by the Maryland Aviation Administration. The award was presented on June 22nd at the 10th Annual Maryland Regional Aviation Conference Dinner and Awards Ceremony, held this year in Hagerstown.

"It's a wonderful honor to named Airport of the Year" said Commissioner Julia W. Gouge, who has worked closely with the airport during several expansion projects. "These are exciting times, with the master plan being updated to prepare for future expansion."

To read the full text of the press release, click here: [Carroll County Regional Airport Award Press Release](#)

Warfield Complex Redevelopment Officially Breaks New Ground (05/23/05)

Witnessed by a crowd of over 200, state, county, municipal and business dignitaries turned the soil at the Warfield Complex on Tuesday May 17th; kicking off a project that will eventually create nearly 600,000 square feet of mixed-use office space and bring over 1,000 white collar jobs to Carroll County.

In 1995 the state deemed the 96 acre complex and its 14 buildings, part of the Springfield Hospital Center, as surplus. Through the efforts of Sykesville Mayor Jonathon Herman and the support of the Carroll County Commissioners, the state conveyed the property to serve as an economic engine for both the town and county.



The Town of Sykesville eventually annexed the property into its' corporate limits.

Top Left: County

Commissioner Julie Gouge addresses the groundbreaking attendees.

Bottom: Dignitaries including Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. (4th from right) break ground at the Warfield Complex.

The Town of Sykesville created the Warfield Development Corporation to develop and operate

what Mayor Herman called the “Warfield Corporate and Cultural Center,” while preserving the historic nature of the site. Herman said it is an “ambitious vision, but a clear and realistic one. We have hammered out partnerships that created the best new economic engine in Carroll County.”

In December 2004, the first lease was signed by KB Warfield, LLC, which has begun to restore and develop “Building I” for use by Nexion Health, Inc. Nexion, headquartered in Eldersburg, operates 39 skilled nursing facilities throughout Texas, Louisiana and Colorado. Francis P. Kirley, President and CEO of Nexion, alluded to

the irony of his company's move to "a place that has provided health care" in Carroll County for years.

Funding from the state, county and other invested partners will also construct a new gateway intersection for the complex which will allow traffic on Route 32 to flow efficiently. Construction on the intersection is expected to begin in late 2005.

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. delivered the keynote remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony. The Governor spoke highly of the project as a "great example of planning appropriately," and a "cornerstone of a historic place where the opportunities are limitless." The groundbreaking celebration marks the formal beginning of a project that has been nearly 10 years in the making with visible progress now beginning to occur.

Solo Cup Distribution Building Changes Hands (05/06/05)

The Daily Record reported recently that the over 1 million square foot Solo Cup Distribution Center in Hampstead has been sold to the Hampshire Cos., a New Jersey -based real estate investment fund manager. One of the largest buildings in the state of Maryland, the warehouse sold for \$37.5 million or \$36.22 per square foot.



One of Carroll County's top 30 employers, Solo Cup will continue to utilize the building as one of its' main distribution centers. "Hampshire obviously saw that Carroll County was a profitable place to do business and that is great for us." said Paige Sunderland, Business Development Manager for the county Department of Economic Development.

To read the full *Daily Record* article, please click here: "[Carroll Warehouse Sells for \\$27.5M](#)"

Valentine Named Business Consultant at BERC (05/04/05)

The Carroll County Business & Employment Resource Center (BERC) recently announced that Gina M. Valentine has been promoted to the position of Business Consultant. In this position, she will be responsible for establishing and maintaining positive relationships with Carroll County businesses regarding their workforce needs.



Ms. Valentine has been at BERC for nearly four years; serving first as ITE (Independence through Employment) Workshop Facilitator, as a Resource Specialist and, most recently, as an Employment Consultant. Prior to her service with BERC, she spent over 2 years in workforce development with the New York State Department of Labor.

“Gina brings a lot of experience in workforce development to the position,” said Denise Rickell, BERC Manager. “Gina is enthusiastic and professional so it is my pleasure to promote her from within the organization.”

“I look forward to the challenge of finding the balance between assisting Carroll’s employers with their workforce needs and finding [BERC’s] customers the types of jobs they are seeking.” added Ms. Valentine.

Originally from Carroll County, Valentine earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Studies from the University of Maryland at College Park.

BERC to hold 2005 Summer Jobs Open House (04/28/05)

Westminster, MD – The Carroll County Business & Employment Resource Center (BERC) will host its' 2005 summer jobs open house on Tuesday May 17th from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. The open house will be held at the BERC office located at 224 North Center Street in Westminster, Maryland.

The summer jobs open house is predominately targeted toward student workers looking for seasonal part-time and full-time employment. However, business representatives will also be on hand for those looking for permanent positions.



Anyone seeking tips and suggestions on what to expect and how to present yourself at a job fair are encouraged to attend one of BERC's preparatory sessions, "Job Fair Strategies." The sessions will be held Tuesday May 10th from 6pm-7pm and Monday May 16th from 1pm-2:30pm. There is no charge for the sessions, but registration is requested. Call the BERC office to register at 410-386-2820.

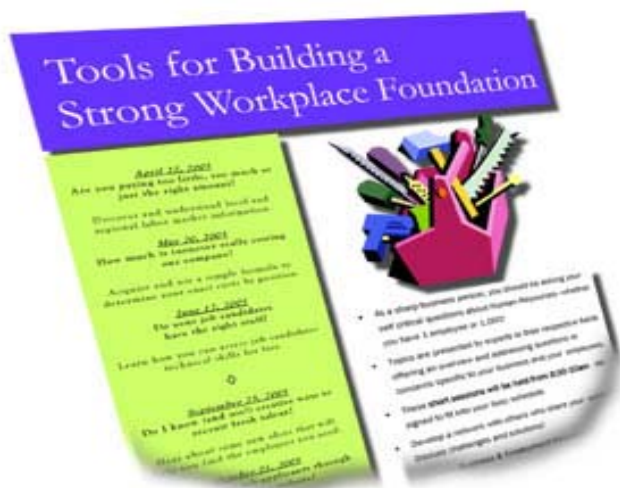
The following Carroll County Employers are currently scheduled to attend the job fair (list subject to change):

Boulevard & Beyond Caterers
Carroll Hospital Center
EMA, Senior Care (Fairhaven)
Food Lion
Fun Events, LLC
Jos. A. Bank Clothiers
Random House
Sheetz Stores
Shelter Systems Limited
Springfield Hospital Center
Target, Inc.
Weis Markets
YMCA of Central Maryland

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BERC Announces 2005 Human Resources Workshop Series (04/05/05)

Following the success of the series in 2004, the Carroll Business & Employment Resource Center (BERC) announced that it will host the human resources workshop series "Tools for Building a Strong Workplace Foundation" again in 2005 starting on Friday April 22nd.



The six monthly workshops will cover workplace issues that business

professionals deal with on a daily basis. Some of the topics will include employee turnover, assessing job candidates' technical skills, recruiting through your company's website and many more. Each topic will be presented by business experts that can address concerns specific to your business and employees. Additionally, the workshops allow human resource professionals the opportunity to network with others who share similar challenges and concerns.

The short sessions, designed to fit the busy professionals' schedule, will be held once monthly on Friday morning from 8:30am – 10:00am. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required. The workshops will be held at the BERC offices located at 224 North Center Street in Westminster.

The dates of the workshop series are April 22nd, May 20th, June 17th, September 23rd, October 21st and November 18th. Note that there are no workshops during the summer months of July and August.

For a complete list of dates and topics please click on the following link: [“Tools for Building a Strong Workplace Foundation”](#).

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Congressman Bartlett Sponsors Proposal Writing Workshop (04/01/05)

Westminster, MD – The office of Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (6th dist.- MD) has announced that the representative will sponsor a workshop on writing proposals for government procurement on April 25, 2005.

The workshop will provide key information on understanding the request for procurement (RFP) process, writing the proposal and government evaluation of the proposal.

The workshop is open to all interested business persons and the general public. There is no charge for the workshop but pre-registration is requested.



When: April 25, 2005

Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm (doors open at 8am)

**Where: Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, Frederick Community College
7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. MD (click [here](#) for directions)**

Please RSVP to Deborah Burrell at 1-800-705-2385 or by email to Deborah.burrell@mail.house.gov

Carroll County Claims Two of the Regions Largest Warehouse Lease Deals (03/29/05)

The Baltimore Business Journal (BBJ) recently reported that two of the top five warehouse lease deals in the Baltimore region during 2004 took place in Carroll County.



In the March 11 – 17, 2005 issue BBJ ranked the top 25 warehouse lease deals in the region according to the amount of square footage leased. The Hampstead Industrial Center and the Eldersburg Business Center ranked second and fourth respectively.

In Hampstead, clothing manufacturer and retailer Jos. A. Bank leased 290,000 square feet in the Hampstead Industrial Center, the former home to Black & Decker. The Hampstead-headquartered clothier will use the space as a second distribution center adding to their current 209,000 square foot facility. The term of the lease is listed as 10 years.

The brand new 200,000 square foot building in the Eldersburg Business Center has been exclusively leased to Dallas, Texas based ceramic tile manufacturer Dal-tile. Dal-tile which has operated a distribution center in Carroll County for about 10 years is adding this building as a second facility to its' over 300,000 square foot building in the same business park. Dal-tile, the United States largest ceramic tile manufacturer, did not disclose the terms of the lease agreement.

On the web: www.josbank.com
www.daltile.com

More Good News for Westminster's CTRL Systems (03/29/05)

Not long after adding Airbus & Air France to its list of clients ([see story below](#)), Westminster manufacturer, CTRL Systems, Inc. announced that Lockheed Martin has approved the use of the company's ultrasonic tester UL101 for use in production quality control and post delivery maintenance of the new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter jet currently in development for several U.S. military branches.



[Click here to read the full CTRL press release: Lockheed Martin approves CTRL UL101 for support of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter](#) 

Carroll Chamber Announces 2005 Small Business Award Winners (03/15/05)

Westminster, MD - The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the 2005 Small Business Awards at their general membership luncheon on Thursday March 10th.

The awards were presented to businesses from a group of finalists in four separate categories. The categories are: Small Business of the Year with 1-5 employees, 6-50 employees and 51-200 employees. The fourth category was the "Partner in Business Award" which was open to non-profits only that have developed close partnerships with area business as a means to achieve their mission.

Awards were given based on criteria that included business growth, innovative customer service or marketing practices, recognition for industry excellence, investment in staff development and a successful business model. Winners were also required to show involvement in the local community.

Picture Descriptions:

1. (l to r) Jorge Austrich, Governor's Office for Business Advocacy, Keynote Speaker; Jo Fleck, Owner, Gypsy's Tea Room; James Mayola, Chairman, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; Lora Andrews, Manager, Gypsy's Tea Room; Mark Blacksten, Senior Vice President, Westminster Union Bank, event sponsor.



2. (l to r) James Mayola; Jorge Austrich; Rich Rubenstein, President, America's Remote Help Desk; Mark Blacksten.



3. (l to r) James Mayola; Sarah Baker, Publisher, Landmark Community Newspapers; Jorge Austrich; Mark Blacksten.



4. (l to r) James Mayola; Jorge Austrich; Edward Leister, Chairman of the Board, Carroll Lutheran Village; Mark Blacksten.



Small Business of the Year in the 1-5 employee category was awarded to Gypsy's Tea Room. Gypsy's was started four years ago as an addition to Inspiration's Gift Shop. In 2002, Gypsy's moved to a larger facility at the Winchester Country Inn that featured a commercial kitchen and seating for up to 45 customers. Over the past two years sales have increased by 18% and 27% respectively and in 2003 an off-site catering service was added. Additionally, Gypsy's works closely with Target Community & Educational Services to provide hands-on training and employment opportunities for their clients.

The winner of the 6-50 employee category is America's Remote Help Desk (ARHD). Founded in 1999, ARHD is a fast growing help desk and technical consulting firm that serves small and mid-size organizations. Acting as an extension of a company's IT department, ARHD provides end user support, training, and IT project planning and

implementation. Last year ARHD grew to over \$1.2 million in sales and 16 employees, more than doubling its' size from the previous year. ARHD has grown more than 60% in each year they have been in business and posted a record 82% revenue growth in fiscal year 2004. ARHD's president, Rich Rubenstein, is currently serving as Vice President of the Carroll Technology Council. An Honorable Mention was also awarded in this category to local Internet service provider, Quantum Internet Services, Inc. (QIS.net).

In the 51-200 employee category, the Small Business of the Year Award was given to Landmark Community Newspapers of Maryland, publisher of the Carroll County Times. The Times has increased its circulation over each of the last three years, boosting both daily and Sunday circulation by 8% and 12% respectively. The newspaper has expanded its customer service practices by extending contact hours, upgrading equipment and advancing on-line technology. The Times plans to spend over \$1 million in additional upgrades in the near future. The Carroll County Times supports many community programs including the Senior Expo, Holiday Hope Program, Neighbors-In-Need and supplying free newspapers for classroom use through its Newspapers in Education Program. This category also had an Honorable Mention awarded to Westminster heating and air conditioning company Modern Comfort Systems, Inc.

The Partner in Business award was presented to Carroll Lutheran Village. Carroll Lutheran Village (CLV) serves nearly 500 elderly citizens in residential, assisted living and 24-hour skilled nursing health care. CLV employs over 350 and supports other community non-profits such as Carroll Hospital Center, Carroll Hospice, local churches, the arts and youth recreation and civic organizations. CLV has continuously expanded its operations and is currently adding over 140 units as part of the Wakefield Overlook project. CLV board members serve the community as representatives of the Carroll County Economic Development Commission, a Westminster City Councilman, and chair of the Carroll County Historical Society board.

Nominations for the 2006 Small Business Awards will be accepted during December 2005 and January 2006. For more information contact the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at 410-848-9050 or on the web at www.carrollcountychamber.org.

BERC Announces Spring 2005 Job Fair (03/11/05)

Westminster, MD – The Carroll County Business & Employment Resource Center (BERC) will hold a job fair on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. The job fair will be held at the



BERC offices located at 224 North Center Street in Westminster, Maryland.

Job seekers will have the opportunity to hand out resumes, fill out job applications, meet with local businesses and check postings for local jobs. Additionally, they can discover the many free resources BERC has to offer.

Past job fairs have been attended by 100 – 200 persons seeking employment. Local businesses that are looking to add to their workforce are encouraged to contact Denise Rickell at 410-386-2820 for additional information or to make arrangements to attend. There is no charge for job seekers or business representatives.

The following Carroll County Employers are currently scheduled to attend the job fair (list subject to change):

ARC of Carroll County
Carroll County Government
Carroll Hospital Center
EMA, Senior Care (Fairhaven)
Finch Services, Inc.
General Dynamics Robotic Systems
Jos. A. Bank Clothiers
Marada Industries
Modern Comfort Systems, Inc.
PFG/Carroll County Foods
Shelter Systems Limited
Springfield Hospital Center
YMCA of Central Maryland

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Construction Begins for New Building in the Carroll County Commerce Center (03/11/05)



Construction has commenced for Building III, a new single-story 35,000 square foot flex/office building, at the Carroll County Commerce Center in Westminster.

Developed by Corporate Center Leasing, LLC, the building is expected to be complete by the third quarter of 2005. NAI KLNB will continue to handle the exclusive leasing activities for the project, with Walter Patton and Michael Mull overseeing the marketing program.

Located near the intersection of MD Routes 140 and 97, the Carroll County Commerce Center is a 30-acre business community that presently contains two flex/office buildings comprising approximately 62,000 square feet of space. Current occupants of the center include Carleton Technologies, a manufacturer of pneumatic systems and components for the defense and aerospace industries, and Kroll Background America recently leased 7000 square feet of space moving from a smaller facility in Hampstead, MD. Other tenants at the center, which is 98% leased, include Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Carroll Occupational Health, Ross Metal Products and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

The new building features bay sizes starting at 2400 square feet, free surface parking and the choice of dock or drive-in loading. It will be suitable for 100% office space, 100% manufacturing and warehouse space or any combination in-between.

"The term flex/office space signifies...this building design is suitable for a range of uses including service-oriented, medical or sales and administration operations," stated Walter Patton of NAI KLNB. "The flex/office concept has been embraced throughout the Baltimore-Washington region, and Carroll County features the type of diverse business base that can benefit from this design."

"The [Carroll County] Commerce Center is the type of brick-and-glass employment campus that the county is seeking" said Lawrence Twele, Director of Carroll County's Department of Economic Development. "The fact that a third building is under construction because the others are nearly full is a testament to the need for this kind of business park."

Mr. Patton added, "Carroll County is increasingly becoming a viable option for a number of office and manufacturing firms, and we have experienced a significant acceleration of showings in the county over the past year. We currently have interest from a number of companies seeking up to 15,000 square feet of space in the new building."

For additional information Contact: Walter Patton, NAI KLNB 410-321-4905 ext. 339 or Larry Lichtenauer, LH&A, Inc. 410-719-3081

CCDED Hosts 2005 Economic Outlook Seminar (03/02/05)

The Department of Economic Development (CCDED) held its fourth annual economic outlook seminar on Wednesday March 02, 2005 at the Best Western Catering & Conference Center in Westminster.

This year's presentation was again given by Anirban Basu, Chairman & CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc. Mr. Basu, a noted regional economist and lecturer, provided a review of the economy from a Carroll County and Maryland perspective and an outlook for national and local economic growth for the year ahead.



Mr. Basu's presentation is available below in both Microsoft PowerPoint and Adobe PDF formats.

[Click here for Adobe PDF: 2005 Economic Outlook Presentation](#)  (664KB)

[Click here for MS PPT: 2005 Economic Outlook Presentation](#)  (1.74MB)

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Westminster Manufacturer Adds International Aviation Companies as Clients (02/15/05)

Westminster manufacturer, CTRL Systems, Inc. announced in February that Airbus and Air France have joined others in the aviation industry by approving the CTRL UL101 ultrasonic listening test device for use by their respective companies.



[Click here to read the full CTRL press release: Airbus & AirFrance approve use of the CTRL UL101](#) 

Hampstead Based Clothier Opens Second Distribution Center (02/01/05)

Hampstead, MD - Jos. A. Bank Clothiers, Inc. hosted the grand opening of their second Carroll County distribution center and celebrated their one hundredth year of business on January 25, 2005.

State, county and municipal officials gathered with company leaders and employees to celebrate the company's successful growth and expansion at the new distribution center in Hampstead, MD.

As a leading manufacturer and retailer of men's tailored and casual clothing, Jos. A.



Bank has leased an additional 289,000 square feet in the Hampstead Industrial Park near their current 209,000 square foot world headquarters and distribution center. Over the expansion process, the company is expected to add over 100 new jobs to its local workforce of 350.

“Because of the support of the State and Carroll County officials and the great people of Maryland, our company will continue to grow nationally and internationally.

We are very proud to be headquartered in Hampstead, Maryland” said Robert N. Wildrick, Chief Executive Officer of Jos. A. Bank.

The expansion project was prompted by the company's aggressive growth as it expands its retail locations to 500 over the next several years, by a new e-commerce partnership with QVC and growth within their own catalog and e-commerce business. Jos. A. Bank has been recognized by Business Week as one of the 100 fastest-growing companies for the second year in a row.

Commissioner Julia W. Gouge thanked company officials for their commitment and growth in Carroll County. “We are proud to have a company the caliber of Jos. A. Bank as a corporate partner that provides valuable jobs and invests in Carroll County.”

CCDED Schedules 2005 Economic Outlook Seminar (01/26/05)

The Department of Economic Development (CCDED) will hold its fourth annual economic outlook seminar on Wednesday March 02, 2005 at the Best Western Catering & Conference Center in Westminster.

The seminar, sponsored by BB&T, will include a buffet Breakfast beginning at 8:00am. The seminar portion of the event will start at approximately 8:45am and continue until about 9:30am. There will be a brief question and answer period following the presentation.

This year's presentation will be given by Anirban Basu, Chairman & CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc. Mr. Basu, a noted regional economist and lecturer, will provide a review of the economy from a Carroll County and Maryland perspective and an outlook for national and local economic growth for the year ahead.



"[Basu] is one of the regions most insightful economists." said Larry Twele, Director of the Department of Economic Development, "The information he provides and the style in which he provides it makes this event a must for everyone interested in our local economic climate."

The cost of the seminar is \$15.00 per person. Registration deadline is Friday February 25, 2005. For more information contact Brian Snyder at 410-386-2070 or email at bsnyder@carrollbiz.org

Click here to download the 2005 Economic Outlook Seminar Registration Form



Carroll County Development Corporation (CCDC) Elects New Officers for 2005 (01/25/05)



WESTMINSTER, MD. - The Board of Directors of the Carroll County Development Corporation (CCDC) announces the election of officers for 2005. They are: President Thomas Alessi, New Windsor State Bank; Vice President/Treasurer Judy Casey, BB&T; and Secretary Andrew Heck, Westminster Union Bank.

To view the complete CCDC press release, please click here: [CCDC Officers 2005](#).

Intellitech, Inc. Graduates from Carroll ISO 9000 Consortium (01/20/05)

President Barbara Biller, ISO Coordinator Christine Eaton and Information Technology Director James Gayhardt from Carroll County engineering, design and manufacturing firm, Intellitech, Inc. attended the Carroll ISO 9000 Consortium closing ceremony held at the Carroll Community College on January 14.



Representing one of six organizations that participated in the fourteen month ISO preparation program, the participants recapped their company's journey through the ISO compliance training course in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

“Our primary focus throughout the entire process has been to improve product quality and customer satisfaction, refine processes to be compliant with the ISO standard and educate and engage our employees to help support our aggressive business growth plan”, said President Barbara Biller. Intellitech will pursue ISO 2000:9001 registration in 2005.

The Carroll County ISO Consortium was sponsored by the Maryland Department of Economic Development, the University of Maryland Center for Quality & Productivity and the Carroll County Department of Economic Development.

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