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Alexander EDC website grant winners announced

The Alexander County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) announced the winners in the Business and Industry Website Creation Grant Program during a meeting of the Alexander County Board of Commissioners on October 18. The grant program was created to help Alexander County companies establish a presence on the Internet.

"I'm very pleased that the EDC has chosen to assist our local companies in this manner," noted Commission Chairman Larry Yoder. "It's extremely important that we do everything we can to help existing companies, and providing them a means to expand their business via the Internet is a worthwhile endeavor. I look forward to seeing the completed websites, and I encourage all citizens to patronize these businesses and all local businesses when possible."

Local companies awarded website grants are: Royale Komfort Bedding, Brigitte's Staffing, R.E. Foy & Son Builders, Seaworthy Seating, Alexander Co Habitat for Humanity, Beasley Power Equipment, Harrington's Machine Shop, Little Egypt Automotive, Warren's Complete Auto Care Center, and Harrington Construction.

EDC Board Chairman Andrew Jackson noted that each company received a \$500 grant, and he indicated that the program may continue on an annual basis.

"With financial assistance from the Alexander County Board of Commissioners, we were able to create and administer this program to help local companies," said Jackson. "I think it will prove to be very beneficial to them, and I hope we can offer the program again next year."

The Business and Industry Website Creation Grant is designed as a competitive grant program and targets businesses with the best opportunity to export their products outside of Alexander County, businesses which are likely to increase visitor traffic to the county, or businesses which are most likely to create or maintain local employment. The EDC had previously selected Presentations On The Web to provide website design for the selected companies.

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