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## Bedford Business First

News from Bedford County Office of Economic Development - December 2016

### Bedford County by the numbers

September 2016

Laborforce	37,327
Employed	35,786
Unemployment rate	4.1%
Advertised jobs	380*

\*Jobs within 25 mi. of 24523. Advertised jobs in Bedford County - VEC October 2016

### About our office

The Office of Economic Development is responsible for planning, developing, and directing business and economic development programs and services in Bedford County, Virginia.



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### We hope your holidays will be filled with great surprises!

From our office to yours, thank you for a wonderful year full of great surprises. Several of our companies in Bedford County have celebrated success this year either through a significant increase in sales, investment in new equipment or real estate, or adding new employees to their talent mix. Remember, we are here to assist you in starting, locating or expanding your business. We will provide training and grants information and connect you with local and state resources that may offer programs or assistance that meets your needs. Contact us soon to set up a meeting. We would love to meet with you!



Have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year.

[Traci and Jessica](#)

### YR. END BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE: Dec. 8 at Poplar Forest



Join us Thursday, December 8 for our final quarterly business roundtable meeting of the year at Poplar Forest (1542 Bateman Bridge Road, Forest) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Complimentary breakfast will be included. You'll have a chance to share your business news and will hear from Poplar Forest staff on its recent developments. A tour of the house will follow for those that are interested!

Please RSVP to Jessica Hupp, Business Programs Coordinator by Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 540-587-5670 or [jhupp@bedfordcountyva.gov](mailto:jhupp@bedfordcountyva.gov).

**Smyth Companies to expand label business in Bedford**  
*Investment of \$4.6M and 16 full-time jobs*



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Smyth Companies LLC of Bedford will invest more than \$4.6 million in new offset printing equipment at its Bedford facility and add a minimum of 16 full time jobs over the next three years. Smyth currently employs 109 in Bedford. [Read more.](#)



**NanoSeptic Self-Cleaning Surfaces win Innovation Award at ISSA InterClean World Conference**



When's the last time you felt good about touching a restroom door handle? That question was answered at this year's ISSA InterClean conference in Chicago, which had more than 16,000 attendees, 700 exhibitors and 54 innovation entries from around the world. While exciting innovations were on display from some of the industry's most respected

companies such as Clorox, SC Johnson, 3M and Gojo, NanoSeptic surfaces stood out from the crowd and took home the award for most innovative cleaning agent by making clean visible. Nanotouch is located within the Center for Advanced Engineering and Research in Forest. [Read more.](#)

**Valtim celebrates 30 years in Bedford County**



Valtim, a multi-channel marketing and fulfillment firm in Forest, Virginia, recently celebrated its 30th anniversary in October 2016. Founded in 1986, by Violet and Harvey Hamilton, this family-owned service company currently

employs over 170 individuals operating over 200,000 square feet of manufacturing, warehouse, office, and contact center space. At a time when family-owned businesses are downsizing or succumbing to acquisition, Valtim continues to be an outstanding U.S.-based bright spot surpassing 100 percent growth since 2007. [Read more.](#)

**Bedford County wins big at TechEdge 2016**

LiteSheet Solutions, LLC of Bedford was named Innovator of the Year by the Region 2000 Technology Council at its TechEdge 2016 Event held Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016. The company located to Bedford in 2014 and manufactures the world's most efficient LED light engine. [Read more.](#)



