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## Bedford Business First

News from Bedford County Office of Economic Development - October 2016

### Bedford County by the numbers

August 2016

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Laborforce        | 37,367 |
| Employed          | 35,839 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.1%   |
| Advertised jobs   | 469*   |

\*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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### Beale's BBQ & Brewery breaks ground in Bedford

Plans to be unveiled at press conference Oct. 13, 11 a.m. at 510 Grove St., Bedford



Preliminary work began this week to prepare the construction site for the new 30-barrel production brewery and taproom that will be called Beale's Brewery & BBQ in the Town of Bedford. The name comes from the mysterious legend of the Beale

Treasure that some believe is hidden in Bedford County. [Read more.](#)

### DATE CHANGE: Business Roundtable meeting set for Oct. 27



Join us Thursday, October 27 for our quarterly business roundtable meeting! The event will be held at the Center for Advanced Engineering & Research from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and will include complimentary breakfast. In addition to hearing recent business news, we will hear from Dr. Ruth Hendrick on CVCC's new rapid train program!

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

### Bedford County employee named in regional Top 20 Under 40 lineup



Jessica Hupp, Business Programs Coordinator for Bedford County's Office of Economic Development, has been named in Lynchburg Business Magazine's Top 20 Under 40. The Top 20 Under 40 recognizes the best and brightest young professionals who greatly contribute to the Lynchburg region's community. [Read more.](#)



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**Redco Machine to expand, hire up to 10**

Redco Machine, Inc., one of the region's premier manufacturers of precision parts and assemblies, will expand its business in the Town of Bedford, adding up to 10 new jobs within three years and investing more than \$600,000 in new equipment and facility upgrades. [Read more.](#)



**SE&M wins new contracts, expands business**

Systems Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc. (SE&M), a Forest-based manufacturer of military equipment, conveyors, and specialized engineering and project management services, will expand its business, adding 10 new jobs and investing \$700,000 in new equipment over the next 3 years.

This expansion supports several major contracts the company signed this month to design and build components for military and private-sector customers. [Read more.](#)



**Bedford County Fair, second year a success!**

- Estimated 16,000 in attendance
- Onsite sales estimated \$70,000, with estimated overall economic impact of \$400,000
- 22 girls competed in first Miss Bedford County Fair Pageant
- 62 cars in car show
- Over 350 students and 100 parents visited from Bedford County Public Schools

