



Mission Statement: The Hawkins County Industrial Development Board is committed to our existing and future industries in helping them to be competitive in the world market place so employment will flourish in our county and region.



HOMELAND VINYL EXPANSION 50 NEW JOBS

On May 12, 2017 an official announcement was made that Homeland Vinyl Products located in Phipps Bend Industrial Park is expanding its facility. Homeland Vinyl will make **significant capital investment** improvements and create **50 new jobs** at its existing plant in Hawkins County. The Hawkins County Industrial Development Board, NETWORKS, TVA, Tennessee Economic and Community Development have been working with Homeland Vinyl for several weeks on the expansion. Larry Elkins, HCIDB Chairman, said, “Today’s expansion by Homeland Vinyl proves it is committed to Hawkins County and manufacturing continues to thrive here. We are grateful to Homeland Vinyl for its commitment and investment in Hawkins County. This expansion will benefit Hawkins County for years to come.”

More Expansions for Hawkins County

Hawkins County Industrial Development Board, NETWORKS, TVA, Tennessee Economic and Community Development have been meeting with three other existing industries in Hawkins County on expansions. These will include capital investments and a substantial number of new job creation. Official announcements will come soon!!

WIOA Contract Extension Awarded

The Hawkins County Industrial Development Board has recently been awarded a contract extension for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Career First Program. The budget increased nearly \$100,000 more than last year. The Hawkins County Industrial Development Board has an extensive history as a service provider for the career development programs administered by Walters State Community College. The program has serviced hundreds of young people ages 16-24 in Hawkins County. Thus far, this fiscal year alone the program has provided over \$90,000 of monetary assistance directly to the participants. **THIS MONEY IS GOING DIRECTLY INTO HAWKINS COUNTY WITH NO COST TO HAWKINS COUNTY! IT IS 100% FUNDED BY A GRANT THROUGH THE US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ADMINISTERED BY WALTERS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.** This program offers work placement, career development and skills training services, mileage assistance, tuition, books and supplies for short term training in demand occupations. Monetary incentives are provided upon successful completion of participants' completed goals. Larry Elkins, HCIDB Chairman, says, "I believe our involvement with the WIOA Career First Program dovetails with our core mission of aiding existing industries in being successful in their retention and expansion of their companies here in Hawkins County. Workforce development is paramount to attracting and recruiting good industries to our county, which is one of our primary goals. WIOA presents an extraordinary opportunity to improve job and career options for the workers and job seekers in our county. An integrated, job driven public workforce system links diverse talent to businesses. It supports the development of strong, vibrant economies where businesses thrive and people want to live and work."

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NEXT HCIDB Meeting:

Thursday, May 25, 2017
Noon @ U.S. Bank (2nd floor)
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