

2004 -- 2007 Econmic Development Activities

Since 2004, the BCEDC and the county's Economic Development

Department has assisted with over 800 projects. Here is the breakdown:

2007 Projects	213 total	163/2007	50/2006	2007 to date	2006	2005	2004	
Technical Assistance to start-up projects/and inquiries:				93	65	52	46	Over \$22,000 in valued activities are expended each year on behalf of the municipalities-that contribute to the BCEDC. These are activities that individual jurisdictions could not fund on their own. Private businesses that fund the BCEDC also share in Regional and National Advertising, Marketing and Promotion of Barron County.
Technical Assistance-Expansions:				26	9	11	6	
Future Development:				13	36	19	8	
General Requests-data, research, financial packaging:				53	116	94	54	
Technical Assistance to jurisdictions/research reports:				6	4	5	9	
Response to land and facility inquiries/site selections:				11	5	13	11	
State/Regional/Local Presentations:				11	6	15	51	
Regional Coalitions and Promotions Efforts				4	4	NA	NA	
Education: How to Start a Business* WITC Course				39 students	40	29	NA	

2006 Countywide Specialized Activities:

Governor's St. Croix Area Promotions -Regional Multi-County-Tribal Properties Marketing Initiative Inventors & Entrepreneurship Club:

Applied for and received grant for start-up funds.

Over 100 members since March of 2006. Monthly meetings through June. Fall meetings begin September 21, 2006.

Intake Center for Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Network

LOIS-Location One Information System: Online database of available buildings and land

First countywide, nationwide bio-energy & alternative fuels advertising & marketing campaign

Exhibited: Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce "Salute to Industry"

Exhibited: National Trade & Industry Show, Minneapolis, MN

Annual BCEDC Business Awards Banquet: 4 businesses recognized and honored

Moved over 40 students through a "How to Start a Business Class" at WITC

Bio-Alternative Energy Initial Countywide-ongoing nationwide advertising and marketing campaign

Specialized Jurisdictional Request:

Rice Lake requested a "value report".a report that reported a dollar amount ("value") of services received from county departments. This report was submitted to Rice Lake in June of 2006 by the Economic Development Department and covered 2005. It was reported that services in 2005 to Rice Lake were valued at \$20,736.00. This was nearly four times as much as the city donates to the BCEDC.

2005 Countywide Specialized Activities:

County's first nationwide advertising & marketing campaign

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Exhibited: National Trade and Industry Show, Minneapolis, MN; Milwaukee, WI

Exhibited: Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce "Salute to Industry" Annual BCEDC Business Awards

Banquet: 4 businesses recognized and honored.

Moved 29 students through a "How to Start a Business Class" at WITC

2004 Countywide Specialized Activities:

Major construction projects included the relocation of Lab Safety Corporation from its headquarters in Illinois to the Cumberland Industrial Park. This was an eight month project. Additionally, this Pharmaceutical company brought a new industry for Barron County along with projections of 25 new jobs.

Exhibited: Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce "Salute to Industry"

The "D Ranch County Store and Tack" presented their idea in March to be located in Canton, and opened its doors in October. This was the first new business in Canton over a decade, thus reviving "local shopping" in the community.

Worked with the WWRTA and its effort to secure more frequent rail service in the county, through Progressive Rail and the Wisconsin Northern Railroad Company, which began service on November 29th of 2004.

Addressed start-up issues from businesses in Ag-, Aviation, Environmental Services, Manufacturing, Retail and the Service Se Since the first of March, there had been requests for over 600 thousand square feet of existing facilities and land availability requests to accommodate over one million square feet of new construction, by companies inside and outside the county.

If your entity needs assistance, contact Dave Miller at 715-637-6871. david.miller@co.barron.wi.us

2008 Projects to Date

Technical Assistance to start-up projects/and inquiries:	23
Technical Assistance-Expansions:	4
Future Development:	6
General Requests-data, research, financial packaging:	3
Technical Assistance to jurisdictions/research reports:	2
Response to land and facility inquiries/site selections:	4
State/Regional/Local Presentations:	2
Regional Coalitions and Promotions Efforts	3
Education: How to Start a Business* WITC Course	20 students