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EDA Delivers Annual Report, 2010-11

September 13, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority announced today the submission of its *Annual Report, FY 2010-2011*. As the *Report* details, the EDA is meeting the objectives and measureables stipulated in both the Strategic Plan and the SRI Study.

“We are very pleased to announce that we are on target and moving forward in achieving our goals,” said Jennifer R. McDonald, Executive Director of the EDA. “In the current economic climate, it is important that we carefully measure our activities, resources and programs of work.”

“The goals set forth in the SRI Study include downtown revitalization, targeted recruitment efforts, information technology deployment, small business development support and redevelopment of the Royal Phoenix site, among others,” said McDonald.

Some of the accomplishments described in EDA’s 2010-2011 Annual Report include:

- Initiation of Leach Run Parkway connecting John Marshall Highway and Happy Creek Road.
- Initiation of Kendrick Lane and Kerfoot Avenue connector road.
- Recruitment and placement of two technology companies, an HVAC company, a food service company and a restaurant/dinner theater representing \$1+ million in investment and 50+new jobs for the Town of Front Royal.
- EDA Staff is currently working with the Virginia Port Authority to assess the positive impacts and market opportunities of the expansion of the Panama Canal, its effect on the deep water ports at Norfolk and the potential distribution growth near the Virginia Inland Port and Foreign Trade Zone, located in Warren County.
- EDA redesigned its web site and created a Facebook Page for “Front Royal Warren County Economic Development Authority.”
- EDA has worked with the Avtex Stakeholders in reviewing and revising the draft restrictive covenants for the Royal Phoenix site. Those covenants are now in review by the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice. Once finalized, they will establish the parameters for redevelopment, and EDA may then move ahead to design its marketing and recruitment strategy for the site.
- EDA has worked closely with FMC Corporation as the intrusive clean-up initiative has progressed. In June, FMC announced that it had completed the clean-up of 162 acres slated for redevelopment.
- EDA has aggressively marketed available space in the Administration Building. In September, 2011, the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Planning Commission will lease the 4,000 square foot area, known as “Space E,” from the EDA,

thus keeping an important resource in the Front Royal-Warren County Community.

○ EDA continues to pursue grant funding to furnish, equip and start-up the Shenandoah Center for Heritage and the Environment, a community museum. EDA was notified that its application for funding has been approved and endorsed by the Virginia Department of Forestry's Foundation of Natural Resources as "worthy environmental stewardship," and has been added to their catalog of projects. The Foundation will pursue funding for the Center.

○ EDA continues to work in support of Downtown Revitalization. In recent years, EDA has underwritten fifteen (15) small business loans in the amount of \$384,000.00 at lower-than-market interest rates. Since its inception, the Rural Business Enterprise Loan Program has underwritten forty-three (43) small business loans totaling \$1.34 million. Seventy-five percent (75%) of those loans were made to small business ventures located in the Town of Front Royal.

○ The EDA approved Technology Zone applications to two eligible downtown technology businesses for grant monies and reductions in local BPOL taxes.

○ EDA has initiated a partnership with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission and Shenandoah University to study the plausibility of a regional incubator (or business development center). This initiative is designed to benefit all emerging entrepreneurial business sectors of Front Royal-Warren County as well as the Northern Shenandoah Valley Region and is in the early stages of development.

○ In May 2010, EDA created the *Business Excellence : Business Appreciation Awards* in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. The Front Royal-Warren County small business community was invited to apply for cash awards in the amounts of \$1,500, \$750 and \$250 and grants were made based upon assessed excellence in business practices and community service. This new program has been positively received by the business community.

○ Staff is currently working with the Warren County Public Schools on implementing the mentoring program that is being met with great enthusiasm by educators and administrators, alike. EDA is also working with the school system to

strengthen and expand its "Project Lead the Way" courses.

○ EDA manages a scholarship fund, and awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors, as well as \$500 worth of school supplies to schools in need.

"The objectives are clear," said Patty Wines, Chairwoman of the EDA, "and we are very pleased that in key result areas benchmarks are being met and exceeded. This keeps our organization successful."

"We will continue to re-examine our goals and objectives," said McDonald, "in order to stay current with trends and practices, and to serve the community well."

For more information, the Annual Report, FY 2010-2011 is posted on the EDA's web site, www.wceda.com under "EDA" for public access.

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InterChange Group, Inc. Utilizes Virginia Jobs Investment Program To Receive Reimbursement for Retraining And Recruiting Employees

August 8, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority announced today that InterChange Group Inc. is receiving support from the Virginia Department of Business Assistance (VDBA) to offset the costs of retraining its staff of 62 employees at its Front Royal and Harrisonburg facilities. These retraining efforts enabled the Front Royal facility to become a Certified Cargo Screening Facility (CCSF) for airline cargo shipments under the Transportation Security Administration.

“We are proud to support InterChange and the company’s continued growth,” said Jim Cheng, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

The Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP) is one of Virginia's most actively used economic development incentives. The program encourages the expansion of existing Virginia businesses and start-up of new business operations in Virginia. It specifically addresses the top concerns of existing businesses and economic development prospects – finding and developing a skilled workforce. VJIP exists to support private sector job creation. It helps offset recruiting and training costs incurred by companies that are either creating new jobs or implementing technological upgrades. In addition to offering direct funding, VJIP also provides assistance with workforce-related challenges and organizational development workshops.

“DuPont utilized the program last year; Toray is utilizing it now,” said Jennifer McDonald, executive director of the EDA, “and both companies have received a substantial financial award from the VDBA in the process. This is a great tool for maximizing or reconfiguring staff talent and job sets.”

“We are pleased that the EDA, the VDBA and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership have taken a pro-business position assisting us with employee retraining and retention,” said Devon Anders, President of InterChange Group. “This kind of assistance is welcomed support!”

For more information about the VDBA’s Job Investment Program, contact Debbie Melvin, Project Manager, 804.921.0002.

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Clean-Up and Remediation Of 160 Acres at Avtex (Royal Phoenix) Site is Complete

August 3, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority (EDA) announced today that FMC Corporation has completed its intrusive clean-up initiative of a portion of the Avtex Fibers Superfund Site that is 160 acres in size and is known as the former Plant Area. FMC Corporation (FMC) will prepare and deliver its final report for the former Plant Area to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by the end of this year.

“This is a momentous day,” said Jennifer McDonald, executive director of the Economic Development Authority. “It has been twelve long years of assessment, community stakeholder’s meetings, public-private partnerships, design, demolition,

removal, recycling, containment, testing, cleaning and reporting. We are almost at the finish line.”

FMC has financed and conducted the clean-up of the former Plant Area under specification and oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). When FMC’s final report has been delivered, EPA will begin the process of evaluating their work, and will complete its assessment and deliver a “letter of no further interest.” Once that is finalized (estimated timeline = mid-2012), EDA will then be able to start the redevelopment process.

The rayon manufacturing plant operated from 1940 until 1989. The plant produced rayon, polypropylene and polyester. But, in 1986 it was listed on the EPA Superfund Program’s National Priorities List, identifying it as a site that could require long term remedial action under Superfund. In August 1986, FMC entered into a Consent Order with the EPA agreeing to perform a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for a limited area of the site. In the 1990’s, FMC operated the on-Site Waste Water Treatment Plant and EPA performed numerous investigations and removal actions at the Site.

In 1999 a Consent Decree was signed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and FMC that assigned FMC to finance and perform the work in accordance with the Consent Decree and remediate the impacted areas of the Site, including the former Plant Area. Also in 1999, the Avtex bankruptcy resolution Plan of Reorganization became effective. And, in 2000 the Economic Development Authority took Title to the Property.

Between 1999 and 2001, ten community workshops were organized and hosted as part of the "stakeholders planning process" intended to involve the community in the future design and use of the site. A Master Plan was then endorsed by the Town, County and Stakeholders, including EDA, EPA, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and FMC.

A Redevelopment Program was established, based upon the 1998 reuse study prepared by North American Realty Services. The Plan included commercial/industrial use of 160+ acres east of the railroad tracks; 31 acres of active recreational use for soccer fields; and 240 acres of passive recreation and wildlife conservancy on the remaining acreage west of the railroad tracks.

Between 1999 and 2001, \$22 million dollars in federal, intergovernmental funding was appropriated for abatement, demolition and rehabilitation at the site. In addition, the EDA undertook the task of historic rehabilitation of the on-site Administration Building. In April, 2001, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Abatement of the building was completed and in 2002 complete renovation was achieved.

The remediation work at the Avtex Fibers Superfund Site involved decontamination and demolition of buildings; sewer plugging and removal; sulfate/fly ash basin closures; landfill improvement; viscose basin closure; soil and groundwater remediation; and wastewater treatment plant operations.

Since 2001, numerous non-time-critical removal actions have been completed. The ACOE removed 65 acres of manufacturing buildings. FMC engineered the closure of 4 fly ash basins, 5 sulfate basins and 11 viscose basins. Eighteen thousand (18,000)

gallons of fuel oil were recycled; 25,000 tons of steel and thousands of tons of copper, brass and bronze were recycled; and 15,000 tons of recovered coal were recycled.

FMC also engineered on-site reuse of materials. Approximately one million cubic yards of non-hazardous fly ash was used for basin attic fill and grading; hundreds of thousands of tons of concrete, brick rubble were reused for onsite drainage and fill; and excavated soils were reused for basin cover soil.

“We are happy to have worked in such a cooperative partnership with the EDA, Town and County,” said Marguerite Carpenter, Associate Director for Environment at FMC.

Today, the 14,000 s.f. Administration building is home to the EDA offices, Amerisist, the Shenandoah Center for Heritage and the Environment (SCHE) and the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Planning Commission. The EDA is currently pursuing grants to equip and open the SCHE museum that will describe the history of Avtex, remediation initiatives and future sustainable practices.

Thirty clean acres were donated by FMC and EDA to Warren County Parks and Recreation and have been built into soccer fields for the community. A fifteen thousand square foot Skate Park was also created through a similar donation of land by FMC and EDA. In addition, John Torrence, geologist and site manager on behalf of FMC reports that frogs and butterflies and other wildlife have returned to the site, which is a clear sign of a clean and habitable environment.

“It has been a long road,” said Patty Wines, chairwoman of the EDA. “There were times when the community lost patience with the process. But, we are nearly done now, and we think this is a great accomplishment for our citizens.”

“When EPA completes its evaluation and issues the “letter of no further interest,” we will be ready to begin the redevelopment process, deploying infrastructure, finding the most appropriate user or users for this site, and creating the jobs and tax base that are key to a healthy community,” said McDonald.

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Gourmet On The Go Locates In Front Royal

May 4, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority (EDA) announced the relocation of *Gourmet On The Go* from Creekside Station's Lifestyle Center in Winchester to Rivendell in Front Royal, Virginia.

"We are so happy to have worked with *Gourmet On The Go* in their relocation efforts," said Jennifer McDonald, executive director of the EDA. "Theirs is an innovative business model, they've proven success and wanted to lower operating costs while locating closer to their homes in Front Royal."

EDA worked with Kay Schroyer and Lisa Jakobsen, owners of the company, in finding an available commercial kitchen from which they could conduct their food preparation business. "It was a bit of a challenge to find a suitable site in view of the more stringent regulations on commercial kitchens," said McDonald. "But we were able to link them with the Rivendell facility at Happy Creek Technology Park. This facility has an existing commercial kitchen, and Frank O'Reilly, owner of Rivendell, was generous in working with the company on permitting and zoning issues.

"Bruce Drummond, outgoing Planning Director for the Town of Front Royal, was also key in assisting the owners by expediting the process so they could move their business operations to Front Royal in a timely manner. We are grateful for the team effort."

Gourmet On The Go is a food preparation business that prepares family meal packages to order. All meals are freshly assembled from whole ingredients and then frozen. The meal packages are provided with simple instructions for defrosting and cooking at home

Packages of 6 or 12 meals are available, and each meal serves two-to-three people (for a small) or four-to-six people (for a large). Orders are placed and meals are purchased on the internet (www.gourmetonthegoVA.com). Customers may pick-up orders at designated locations, or have them delivered directly to their homes. Meals can be stored in the freezer for up to 60 days. The menu changes monthly.

"Our product makes it possible for busy families to get a delicious, healthy meal on the table quickly," said Kay Schroyer, co-owner of *Gourmet On The Go*. "We also offer full catering services, and our catering menu is available online.

“The primary driver for the business move was to lower operating costs without impacting product or service delivery quality. Consequently, the new kitchen does not support retail store hours, and “grab and go” meals are no longer available.

“We would like to thank the EDA for its diligence in helping us find a suitable location and for helping bring our business back to our home town,” said Schroyer. “We look forward to working in Front Royal.”

For more information on ordering freshly prepared and frozen meals, check www.gourmetonthegoVA.com.

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EDA and Chamber Announce 2011 Business Excellence : Business Appreciation Award Recipients

May 2, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce announced today the winners of the *2011 Business Excellence : Business Appreciation Awards*.

The winner of a \$250.00 cash award is Michelle Phillips of *New 2 You Consignments* located in the Royal Shopping Center. Ms. Phillips is the owner of a new company and is looking to expand her operation. "We hope this money will help her offset some of her upcoming expenses," said Jennifer McDonald, executive director of the EDA.

An award of \$500.00 is made to Shelly Cook-Knighting of *Loving Arms* assisted living center. Ms. Cook-Knighting will use the money for a new and innovative art program for seniors at Loving Arms. "This will go a long way to helping us get that program off the ground. I thank the EDA and the Chamber for this wonderful gift."

The largest award, \$1,500.00 is made to Herb Melrath of the *Main Street Daily Grind* for a new espresso machine. "This will be so helpful," said Melrath, "I can't tell you how happy I am to receive this grant. It will really help us out."

"This is the kind of program that the Chamber is happy to participate in," said Niki Foster, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "We are giving back to our business community -- and, what a perfect time to do so -- during the State's Business Appreciation Week."

Business Appreciation week is celebrated every year in Virginia with state-issued proclamations, breakfasts, luncheons and dinner events designed to thank the business community for all it does to better life in Virginia. Front Royal-Warren County EDA and Chamber of Commerce chose to celebrate by holding a "Business Excellence" contest and awarding cash prizes to three local businesses.

"We are happy to take the money we would have spent on a luncheon event and give it directly to businesses that have a need," said Patty Wines, chairwoman of the EDA. "The businesses chosen have demonstrated excellence in business practices and in community service. These were not easy selections to make, and we would like to congratulate all of the recipients."

There were seventeen applicants for the awards. The parameters for applying for the awards were: must be licensed in Front Royal or Warren County and must have no more than 500 employees. A panel comprised of EDA staff and board members and

Chamber president judged the applications. Awards were based upon detailed need and use, demonstrated community service and comprehensive business excellence practices.

“We look forward to continuing the award program,” said Patty Wines, chairwoman of the EDA. “We are getting very positive feedback from the community, it seems a great way to celebrate our business community and we encourage every small business in Front Royal or Warren County to participate next year.”

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EDA and Chamber To Issue Business Appreciation Cash Awards

March 29, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce announced today that they will partner in awarding *Business Excellence Awards* in celebration of "Business Appreciation Week."

"EDA staff discussed replacing the annual luncheon event with cash awards, and we decided it would be a more useful way to honor our small business community," said Jennifer R. McDonald, executive director of the Economic Development Authority.

"With the weak economy affecting so many business owners and loan money difficult to access we feel this is a much better use of EDA's resources," said McDonald.

Small business owners or operators of businesses that are license in the Town of Front Royal or Warren County are eligible, and need to complete an application form that can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce offices, the EDA offices or online at the EDA's web site. The application is a very short form. Small businesses are those with less than 500 employees (as defined by the Commonwealth of Virginia).

A panel comprised of EDA staff and board members and President of the Chamber will judge the applications. Three prizes will be awarded in the amounts of \$1,500, \$500 and \$250. The award ceremony will take place during the "Business Appreciation Week," May 2-6, 2011.

"The Chamber is pleased to partner with EDA in this award program," said Niki Foster, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "Please come down to the Chamber office or the EDA office, and fill out your application form. In these times, every business can use extra funds."

"We are very happy to alter our approach to 'Business Appreciation Week,'" said Patty Wines, chairwoman of the EDA. "This seems a better way to celebrate our business community and we encourage every small business in Front Royal or Warren County to apply."

Eligible Businesses employ 500 or less and are licensed in either The Town of Front Royal or Warren County. Applications may be obtained at the EDA offices or the Chamber offices or on the EDA web site: www.wceda.com. Completed applications must be received at the Chamber or EDA offices no later than 5:00p, Friday, April 22, 2011. For more information, contact Marla Jones, EDA, 540.635.2182 or jones@wceda.com.

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Toray Plastics (America) Inc. Utilizes Virginia Jobs Investment Program To Receive Reimbursement for Retraining And Recruiting Employees

February 24, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority announced today that Toray Plastics (America) Inc. is receiving support from the Virginia Department of Business Assistance (VDBA) to offset the costs of retraining its staff of 90 employees at its Front Royal, Virginia plant.

“Expansion of an existing Virginia company is the best indicator of a State’s economic development success,” said Jim Cheng, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade. “We are proud to support Toray Plastics and the company’s continued growth.”

The Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP) is one of Virginia's most actively used economic development incentives. The program encourages the expansion of existing Virginia businesses and start-up of new business operations in Virginia. It specifically addresses the top concerns of existing businesses and economic development prospects – finding and developing a skilled workforce. VJIP exists to support private sector job creation. It helps offset recruiting and training costs incurred by companies that are either creating new jobs or implementing technological upgrades. In addition to offering direct funding, VJIP also provides assistance with workforce-related challenges and organizational development workshops.

“DuPont utilized the program last year,” said Jennifer McDonald, executive director of the EDA, “and received a substantial financial award from the VDBA in the process. This is a great tool for maximizing or reconfiguring staff talent and job sets.”

“We are so very grateful to the EDA, the VDBA and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership for taking a pro-business position assisting Toray with challenges posed by the economic downturn,” said Paul Cobb, General Manager at the Front Royal Toray site. “The funding for retraining is welcomed support!”

For more information about the VDBA’s Job Investment Program, contact Debbie Melvin, Project Manager, 804.921.0002.

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Joe's Steakhouse Purchases Dean's Steakhouse *Plans Renovation and Property "Enhancement"*

February 22, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority announced today that Joe Wobbe and H.B. Sager, owners of Joe's Steakhouse in Woodstock, are purchasing Dean's Steakhouse, located at 708 S. Royal Avenue in Front Royal. Wobbe and Sager plan to renovate and enhance the existing structure and intend to be open for business in late spring.

Wobbe feels that the Dean's location is ideal with its close proximity to U.S. 340 and Skyline Drive. He hopes to attract diners from as far away as the Washington

suburbs. "We want to restore this great old building back to its former glory," said Wobbe. "We are very excited about joining the great community of Front Royal."

Executive Chef Sam Mumper, a longtime resident of Strasburg, and former owner of the Old Mill Restaurant will oversee the kitchens of both locations, with assistance from former River'd Inn chef Jason Burns. Wobbe plans to hire 25 to 30 people to staff the new location. The project will be financed through United Bank's Front Royal branch.

"The EDA worked with us to find the best possible location for our venture," said Wobbe. "We assessed several locations in downtown and the 522N Corridor and we felt that Dean's was the best suited for our project."

"We are very pleased to welcome Joe's Steakhouse to Front Royal," said Jennifer McDonald, executive director of the Economic Development Authority. "They have a great reputation for quality food and service, and the restaurant will be a tremendous addition to our dining sector."

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EDA Launches 2011 Scholarship and Education Fund Campaign

February 14, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority has launched its 2011 Scholarship and Education Fund Campaign requesting participation from the local community for scholarships or financial assistance for the school system to be awarded in May.

In the twentieth year of its offering, the Economic Development Authority will present scholarships to graduates from Skyline High School and Warren County High School to assist with their education.

But, if donors prefer, they may donate to the Education Fund portion of the program, which will be awarded to one needy school each year for supplies, student lunch assistance, books and other program materials. This award was established when local municipalities were hit with massive budget reductions, and the public school system was one of the hardest hit.

“This program is one of our favorite projects,” said Jennifer McDonald, executive director of the EDA. “The number of awards and the amount of scholarship money is dependent upon the contributions received from the community.

“Naturally, those numbers have changed over the years,” said McDonald, “but we’re hoping for a great response this year. As recently as 2002, we were able to award \$5,000 in scholarships to six deserving students and we would love to match that number again this year.

“Last year was our first year of campaigning for the Education Fund portion of the award and we did not have much response,” said Patricia Wines, chairwoman of the EDA. “But, we are optimistic that this year we can award some money to one of our schools for student supplies, lunches or other items of need for our children, and we are looking to our community to help.” Both citizens and businesses are asked to donate to the EDA’s Scholarship and Education Fund Program.

“Request letters are in the mail,” said McDonald. “But, if you would like to be a part of helping young local scholars or one local school, and are interested in donating to the awards program, please contact Sharyn Mills at the EDA offices, 540.635.2182.”

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EDA Partners in Shenandoah University's Third Annual Business Symposium

February 2, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: For the third year running, the Economic Development Authority is partnering with Shenandoah University in delivering its Business Symposium designed to address key economic and business development issues in a changing economy.

The topic of this year's symposium is *Creating a Competitive Advantage in the New Economy*. Speakers include: Mark Moseley of Five Brothers Restaurants, Stacie

Johnston of L.L. Bean, Marissa Levin of Information Experts, Gina Watkins, DC Metro Constant Contact, and Jim Regan of Mason Enterprise Center among others.

“The symposiums began three years ago when the economy was on the brink of collapse,” said Marla Taylor Jones, director of business development at the EDA. “Its organizers cast the net to find partners who would help promote the symposium and the EDA was very happy to participate.

“Attendance has been great over the years as more and more business owners and operators seek to enhance their understanding of current economic trends and strategies for stabilizing and growing business in these times,” said Jones.

The symposium is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2011 and is conducted at the Halpin-Harrison Hall of the Harry S. Byrd School of Business at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. Registration is held from 8:00a-8:45a and General Morning Sessions begin at 9:00a. Early-bird registration fee reductions end February 18th, and the community is urged to register soon.

“I would encourage all business owners and operators to register and attend this one-day event,” said Jones. “In order to succeed in these challenging times, it is critical to become educated and discover available resources.”

For more information, go to www.subusiness.org or contact Marla Jones, EDA, 540.635.2182 or jones@wceda.com.

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EDA Creates “Job Bank” Housed On its Web Site

January 31, 2011, Front Royal, Virginia: The Economic Development Authority announced today that it has created a “job bank” on its web site for businesses looking to hire.

“This idea has been discussed over the years,” said Jennifer McDonald, executive director of the Economic Development Authority. “We decided simply to put it into action by adding a page to our web site. EDA’s web site is managed internally – so it is neither a complicated nor expensive task.”

The job bank will post available jobs in Front Royal and Warren County. Businesses are urged to contact Marla Jones, director of business development at the EDA, to post positions.

“We will not be the contact for job interviews. That will be conducted through the business that is seeking employees and that information will be included in the posting,” said McDonald. “In addition, we will not post resumes for people looking for jobs. We do not have the resources for that undertaking.

“But, we will post the information in a readily accessible area on our web site for businesses to advertise their openings and for job seekers to review. We just posted two job openings at the Job Bank.

“We consider this another resource in support of our local business community as well as our local workforce.”

The Job Bank will be promoted through Facebook postings, by Chamber e-connections, by e-mail notifications and other local promotional venues.

For more information on the “Job Bank,” check http://www.wceda.com/links/job_bank.html or contact Marla Jones, EDA, jones@wceda.com.

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