

MOORE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

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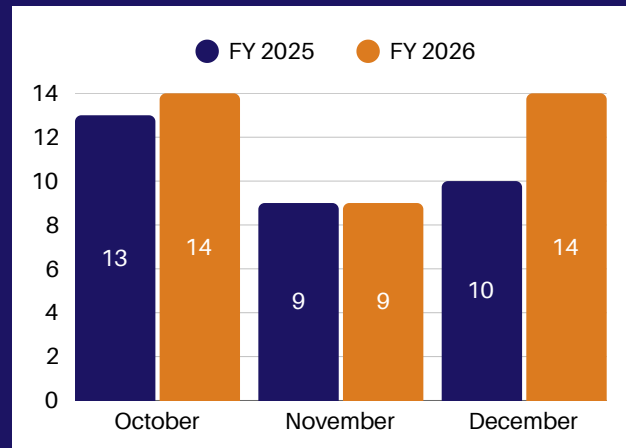
QUARTERLY REPORT

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BUSINESS LEADS

From October to December, MCEDP responded to **37** NEW business leads, compared to 32 leads for the same period last fiscal year. We have received **68** total leads fiscal year-to-date.



As of December 31st, MCEDP is actively working **24** projects representing more than **920** new jobs and more than **\$377.5** million in capital investment.



BUSINESS RECRUITMENT, EXPANSION, & SUPPORT

MCEDP conducted **six (6) industry visits** to Moore County manufacturers this quarter to provide customized assistance that included evaluating local incentive requests for expansions and connecting them to other resource providers.

On October 2nd, MCEDP hosted our 4th annual **Manufacturing Day Breakfast** at Sandhills Community College (SCC) attended by almost 50 local manufacturers, elected officials, and support organizations to celebrate National Manufacturing Day. Attendees learned about Moore Innovative High School and participated in an informative discussion about skills training offered through SCC's workforce development programs.

MCEDP also successfully launched a new initiative - **Moore Manufacturer Meetups** - that highlights MCEDP's commitment to supporting Moore County's manufacturers and bringing them together to facilitate innovation & collaboration. The first Meetup on November 14th was hosted by AeroSouth Technology and JuBilee Screen Print at their facilities in Seven Lakes. Manufacturers from Southern Pines, Seven Lakes, Vass, and Robbins attended the event where representatives from AeroSouth and JuBilee shared information about their respective operations and provided tours of their facilities. Manufacturer Meetups will be held on the **second Friday of every other month** at 8:00am at facilities across Moore County.

PROJECT WIN

This quarter, MCEDP is pleased to announce a project win with Veterans Guardian obtaining zoning approval from the Town of Southern Pines to construct a new 27,000 square foot office building in the Southern Pines Corporate Park that could help the company add up to 110 new jobs.

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COMMUNITY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

In November, MCEDP President Natalie Hawkins and Moore County Airport Director Rick Cloutier attended the **TakeOff North America** aviation conference in Tallahassee, Florida where they met with six (6) airlines, including a regional carrier proposing to provide daily service to Washington Dulles Airport.

At the conference, other airlines expressed interest in potentially establishing service at Moore County Airport to markets in the Northeast and Florida, as early as Spring 2026.

This quarter, MCEDP continued to assist in the efforts to raise the \$3 million minimum revenue guarantee to meet the regional carrier's targeted service start date of April 2027.



PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

MCEDP continued to work this quarter with NCDOT, the Town of Aberdeen, and adjacent property owners on finalizing an optimal location for the access road to best serve the needs of **Iron Horse Industrial Park** in Aberdeen.

MCEDP is currently working with multiple clients who are interested in purchasing all or a portion of Iron Horse Industrial Park.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

On November 13th, MCEDP hosted the **2025 Sandhills Entrepreneur Summit** at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst. Attended by almost **150** entrepreneurs, small business owners, business support organizations, and others from around the Sandhills region, the summit included a full day of interactive workshops, breakout sessions, and networking.

At the Summit, MCEDP announced the launch of **Moore Entrepreneurs Meetups** in 2026. This new initiative will bring together founders, entrepreneurs, and small business owners on the **second Wednesday of each month** to share thoughts and resources to strengthen the Moore County entrepreneurial community.

Moore County is designated as a
Certified Entrepreneurial
Community®.

Our annual Summit represents
MCEDP's ongoing commitment to
support entrepreneurship & small
business development in
Moore County.

ABOUT US

Moore County Economic Development Partnership (MCEDP) is a 501c(3) not-for-profit economic development organization and public-private partnership serving all of Moore County, NC. We work collaboratively with our partners and local governments to attract new businesses and support existing businesses.

OUR MISSION

To increase economic prosperity and improve the quality of life for Moore County's citizens through the creation of quality jobs and capital investment in our communities.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Moore 100 Meetup

April 1, 2026 (5:30 PM)
Pine Needles - Crest Lounge

Manufacturers Roundtable

April 14, 2026 (8:00 AM)
SCC - Clement Dining Room

Moore 100 Members Meeting

April 22, 2026 (4:00 PM)
Moore County Airport

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicator	June 2024	June 2025
# of new businesses (net)	139	80
# of new jobs (net)	2,060	2,346
Avg annual wages	\$52,052	\$54,652
# of private sector jobs	35,607	38,096
Median SF home sales price	\$425,000	\$464,770

Interested in supporting economic development in Moore County?
Email info@moorecountyedp.org to learn about our Moore 100 group.



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