



News from Around the Region

4th Quarter 2021

SBDC Kiosk now in Columbus, KS

A Business Support Center Kiosk is now located at the Economic Development Corporation's office at 201 E. Pine in Columbus, KS to access Small Business Development Center (SBDC) services for local business owners and entrepreneurs. An SBDC representative will also be onsite from 12 to 4 pm each Tuesday afternoon through December and virtually at other times.

[For more
information](#)



CROSSROADS BUSINESS PARK

Joplin Crossroads Industrial Park receives state certification

The Missouri Department of Economic Development announced that the Crossroads Industrial Park in Joplin is now a Missouri Certified Site (MCS), meaning it is shovel-ready for companies looking to establish business.

[Read More....](#)

A Distribution and Manufacturing Powerhouse

MOKAN's regional industry promo is out in the Foreign Direct Investment Alliance Trade Magazine, highlighting the many benefits of doing business here.

[Click here to view the article](#)

This is why we do what we do!

\$263M+

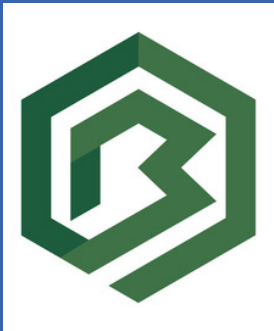
Dollars Invested in Industrial
Operations in 2021

857,000+

Manufacturing &
Warehousing Square Footage
Added in 2021

530+

Manufacturing Jobs
Created in 2021



Boyd Metals acquired in \$110 million deal by Russel Metals

Fort Smith-based Boyd Metals is being acquired by Toronto, Canada-based Russel Metals in a \$110 million deal. Russel Metals said the deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2021.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

November Election Results

Several communities in southwest Missouri, southeast Kansas and northeast Oklahoma held elections in November 2021. Many passed a use or sales tax aimed at out-of-state online sellers.

[Complete Election Results here](#)



Automotive Supplier to set up plant at NE Oklahoma Port of Catoosa

Our regional port continues to grow. Lyseon North America, an automotive supplier, announced plans to set up a facility at the port, translating into 80 additional employees to be hired over the next three years.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 27!



Looking for a Site or Building in the MOKAN region? [Click here!](#)

MCDONALD COUNTY JOB FAIR
DECEMBER 8, 2021 | 10 AM TO 4 PM
RIVER RANCH | 101 RIVER RD | NOEL, MO 64854



Cherokee County E-Community Loans

The Cherokee County E-Community Loan Fund offers gap financing to those wishing to start, purchase, or expand a for-profit business in Cherokee County. For more information on the E-Community Loan Program, call Janet Miller at 620-762-0717.

CFI Expands into One Company with 5 Services

CFI, a North American leader in the transportation and logistics industry, reorganized and expanded into a portfolio of five well-defined service categories: three asset-based services-Truckload, Dedicated and Temp-Control; as well as two non-asset services-Mexico and Logistics.



Business Facilities Magazine 17th Annual Metro Rankings Report

Top 10 Rankings - MOKAN Region

- Joplin, MO ranks in Top 10 in Best Business Climate
- Kansas (#8) and Missouri (#10) rank in Top 10 in Aerospace/Defense
- Missouri (#9) ranks in Top 10 in Customized Training
- Oklahoma (#3) and Kansas (#4) rank in Top 10 in Installed Wind Power Capacity
- Kansas (#2) and Oklahoma (#3) rank in Top 10 in Electricity from Wind

To view the report in its entirety, [click here](#).



CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY ROBYN FOR SUCCESSFULLY PASSING THE MISSOURI CERTIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPER (MOCED) EXAM AND BECOMING ONE OF THE STATE'S FIRST MOCEDS!

What's Happening-MOKAN Around the Region



Amy and Tony with Governor Parson at the 2021 Governor's Conference on Economic Development, Kansas City MO, September 2021



McDonald County Business Expo, Pineville MO, September 2021



Amy and Tony at the I-49 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Pineville MO, September 2021



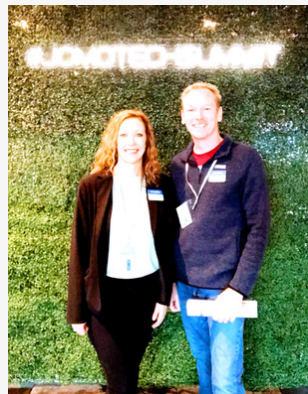
Jim Fram from Community Growth Strategies at the MOKAN Board Retreat, Joplin MO, October 2021



Lisa, Tony and Amy at the Innovation & Opportunities Expo, Neosho MO, October 2021



Economic Growth Tour, Joplin MO, October 2021



Tony and Amy at the Joplin Regional Innovation & Tech Summit, November 2021



Tony earning MoCED certification at the MEDC Conference in Columbia MO, October 2021



Amy speaking to Girl Scout Troop #70391, Joplin MO, November 2021



Dan Pekarek named Joplin Citizen of the Year, Joplin MO, November 2021



MODOT Public Hearing, Joplin MO, November 2021

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