



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1

DATE OF MEETING: October 18, 2010

REQUESTED BY: Dr. Lawrence Rouse, President of James Sprunt Community College; Ms. Lynn Davis, Small Business Center

SHORT TITLE: Update on the Eastern Carolina Food Ventures Incubator Kitchen

BACKGROUND: The Eastern Carolina Food Ventures Incubator Kitchen is a regional, shared-use commercial incubator kitchen designed to help food entrepreneurs, create new food businesses and expansions of existing businesses, and provide workforce development. The incubator kitchen is a collaborative effort between Pender County, James Sprunt Community College, and Duplin County.

Dr. Rouse and Ms. Davis are present to provide the Board of Commissioners and public with an update of this project.

Eastern Carolina Food Ventures

INCUBATOR KITCHEN

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Eastern Carolina Food Ventures Incubator Kitchen is a regional, shared-use commercial incubator kitchen designed to help develop food entrepreneurs, create new food businesses, grow existing food businesses, and provide workforce development resulting in new jobs and economic development in eastern North Carolina. Located in the WestPark Business Technology Center in Warsaw, the kitchen is a collaborative effort of James Sprunt Community College, Duplin County, and Pender County.

PURPOSE

Provide hourly access to entrepreneurs and existing food businesses for:
New food and beverage development and production
Food research and testing
Commercial kitchen for caterers
Neutraceutical development



GOALS

Create new food businesses
Grow existing food businesses
Provide workforce development resulting in new jobs
Stimulate economic development for eastern North Carolina
Foster the spirit of entrepreneurs



FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT

The Eastern Carolina Food Ventures (ECFV) Incubator Kitchen facility includes three distinct processing areas, separate dry storage areas and walk-in cooler and freezer, as well as a separate wash area.

Available commercial equipment includes:

- Commercial Ranges
- Convection Ovens
- Steam Kettle
- Dough Cutter
- Mixer
- Pressure Cooker
- Cooker/Canner
- Dehydrator
- Food Processor
- Meat Grinder
- Vegetable Cutter
- Shredder
- Baking Rack and Proofer
- Vegetable Slicer

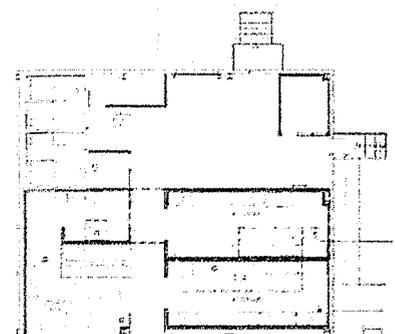


Processing and Distribution Center - In addition to the three distinct areas outlined above, there is access to a processing and distribution area with a separate freezer equipped with a flash freezing unit. This area is designed for produce growers to bring their fruits and vegetables to be packaged and/or processed to be sold and delivered to local institutions such as schools, hospitals, etc. This program is implemented and managed by Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Council. For more information go to www.feastsoutheastnc.org

Other Resources - Other available resources include wireless internet access throughout the facility, access to a conference room, computer lab, some incubator office space, business and food related seminars, and free individual counseling to assist with marketing, business plan development, financing, etc. through the JSCC Small Business Center.

GEOGRAPHIC TARGET AREA

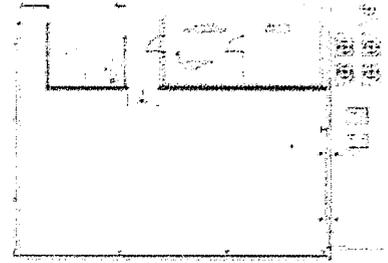
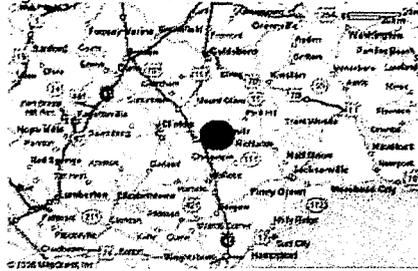
The geographic target area includes but is not limited to the following counties: Bladen,



Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Sampson, and Wayne.

The implementation and operation of the kitchen is managed by the Small Business Center at James Sprunt Community College. Special thanks to Pender County and the Pender Economic Development Alliance for having the vision to develop this facility for the region, and to the following funders and contributors who are helping ECFV be successful:

- Blue Ridge Food Ventures**
- Cape Fear Resource Conservation & Development**
- Duke Endowment**
- Duplin County**
- Duplin County Cooperative Extension**
- Economic Development Initiative - HUD**
- Four County Electric Membership Corporation**
- Golden Leaf Foundation**
- James Sprunt Community College**
- NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission**
- North Carolina Department of Commerce**
- Pender County Cooperative Extension**
- Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Project**
- UNC-Wilmington**
- USDA Rural Development**



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR USE OF KITCHEN

[User Services Contract](#)

[Fee Schedule - Exhibit A](#)

[Rental and Use Policies - Exhibit B](#)

[Standard Operating Procedures - Exhibit C](#)