

## JEDCO Accomplishments 2005 to Present

Since 2005, the JEDCO and EAC board acted to participate in the following projects:

- Attracting Stream Global (the former eTelecare), which now employs 425 in Jacksonville.
- Collaborating with ETMC, Trinity Mother Frances Hospital and Tyler Junior College on the creation of TJC Jacksonville. This campus, located at ETMC Jacksonville, is a LVN/RN education center, and graduates multiple nurses per program each year.
- Worked with EZO to ensure the former Snoke Special Products employees stayed in Jacksonville. This company was in serious jeopardy of moving out of town, but remains in Jacksonville – largely due to JEDCO’s involvement. Our efforts with EZO kept 100 jobs in Jacksonville.
- Assisted Zyklus Heat Transfer, a start-up company owned by a former Astro Air employee. This company now has 25 employees, and is growing rapidly.
- Altius Poles, a pole-vaulting pole manufacturer outgrew their location in Jacksonville, and faced leaving town to find an adequate facility. JEDCO offered the company a small parcel of land in the industrial park, and the company is now thriving and growing in Jacksonville.
- Builder’s Best recently faced a need to add employees to meet increased production, and added 100 employees with JEDCO’s assistance.
- Earlier this year, we finalized incentives with Advance Thermal Corporation. This company chose to expand their Jacksonville location over their other facilities in part because of incentives offered by JEDCO. The contract allows for an additional 75 employees, and the company will be investing \$2 million in a new building and equipment.
- JEDCO worked with Bob Lee Archery on their relocation to a new and expanded facility.
- JEDCO has worked closely with the leadership of Rusk State Hospital for years in ensuring the hospital (which is our county’s largest employer) does not face closure or cutbacks in each state budgetary cycle.
- JEDCO, the City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce worked together to have Jacksonville designated as a Certified Retirement Community. Jacksonville was honored last week by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples for this accomplishment. During Mr. Staples’ presentation, he noted that a retired couple has the same economic impact on a community as 3.7 factory jobs.
- We have assisted the Jacksonville Literacy Council in their GED program. The JEDCO board believes in the importance of education, and sees this program as a direct improvement for our local workforce.
- JEDCO was directly involved in luring Luvata Electrofin to Jacksonville. The company now has 52 full time employees, and is located in the Norman Industrial Park.
- Negotiations are in the very early stages with 2 companies who are looking closely at Jacksonville. These two potential companies will bring approximately 75 jobs to Jacksonville.

These projects alone represent almost 800 new jobs, and the retention of several hundred jobs.

### Infrastructure Projects with the City of Jacksonville.

- North Bolton 1,000,000 gallon overhead water tower - \$800,000
- Sewer and water extensions, streets and infrastructure - \$721,000
- Jacksonville Fire Department ladder truck - \$598,000
- Card-reader fuel pump at Lake Jacksonville Concession area - \$30,000
- Development of the Norman Industrial Park - \$1,000,000
- Pending park improvements at Byrd Park - \$600,000

These projects total \$3.75 million. This impressive figure demonstrates that JEDCO is a partner with the City at every level of progress. We have reinvested tax dollars to make Jacksonville a better place to live and work.

JEDCO is successful because of the diverse business skills of the board members. The board is led by Chairman Gene Brumbelow, Vice-President Tim McRae, Secretary/Treasurer Shawn Eyre, and board members Barry Hughes, Freddy Thomas, Joe Teague and Dr. Miles McCall. These gentlemen volunteer their time and experience to benefit our community. If you see one of them, please thank them for their service.