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### Economic Development Council Incubator Welcomes Two New Businesses

The Farmville Economic Development Council Small Business Incubator welcomes two new businesses to begin operations in January. Abel Electric presently occupies half of the business center.

Donald Bowden and Robert Tyson operate Sunrise Arches and Trim. They have been in business for one year and have been operating out of a refurbished barn in Grantsboro near New Bern. Sunrise Arches and Trim produces arches, molding, handrails, curved window casings, and specialty wood products for homes, including Murphy beds.

Presently, they work with W.C. King and C.A. Lewis Construction in Greenville and Precision Molding and ROC Construction in New Bern.

In addition to Sunrise, the incubator will house 3D Lumber Services, owned and operated by Jimmy Durham of Farmville. 3D Lumber will provide cut to length lumber for Sunrise Arches & Trim and Hopkins Lumber Contractors in Stuart, VA. 3D Lumber will also recycle used pallets. 3D Lumber will sell southern yellow pine and industrial hardwoods in long lengths and cut to length.

All three gentlemen have an extensive background in the wood products industry.

The incubator will provide a place to combine the equipment for the two companies to work together and grow. 3D Lumber has a truck for deliveries that will be shared and the two companies will work together cutting lumber and assembling arches and running molding. The companies will grow their businesses together and employ three people in Farmville.

“We are thrilled to have these two businesses in the incubator,” said Richard Hicks, Town Manager, and Chairman of the Farmville Economic Development Council. “This is what we envisioned when we built the incubator.”

The incubator was built in 2002 as a space to incubate new businesses and promote entrepreneurial companies in our Town. The space offers sliding scale leases that adjust as companies grow.

“The goal for any company we bring in to the incubator is growth so that we can then help the company grow to a larger space in our community and employ additional people,” said Jeanne Bonds, Assistant Town Manager, Economic Development. “Eubanks Mechanical and Passport Door and Dock System started in the incubator and moved into the community where they are very successful.”

“One-half the space in the incubator has been vacant for the past year and a half so we are thrilled to fill it, especially during these more difficult times,” continued Bonds.

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