

HORIZON COUNCIL COLUMN

The Lee County Horizon Council is a 62-member, public-private board that advises Lee County Commissioners on economic issues. It works to improve Lee County's business environment, retain and encourage expansion of existing businesses and attract new and diversified employment.

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Property Locator Database Available

Tired of relying on your peripheral vision to identify potential new business sites? The property locator at www.LeeCountyBusiness.com is a searchable database of commercial properties available for sale or lease.

You can search for office space, industrial sites or vacant land in Lee County-without leaving your desk. The property locator can be used to help businesses find a location for their new or expanding business in Lee County.

The business property locator allows users to search for available commercial space for lease or sale. It also offers detailed demographic information for the area surrounding the property.

The Economic Development Office (EDO) is a department of Lee County Government that works to attract new and diversified businesses resulting in high-wage, high-skilled jobs; retain and encourage expansion of existing businesses; and improve the overall business environment in Lee County. Assistance and referrals provided by the EDO include:

- ❑ Permitting, licensing, zoning changes and other government matters (ombudsman services)
- ❑ Federal, state and local business assistance programs
- ❑ Demographic and economic data
- ❑ Employee training and recruiting
- ❑ Referrals for financial assistance through public and private resources
- ❑ International business assistance
- ❑ New facility site location
- ❑ State and local incentive programs

For more information, call the Economic Development Office at (239) 338-3161 or visit www.LeeCountyBusiness.com.

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