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Teaching Other Communities How to Become Site Ready ... Since Duncan has more land Site Ready Certified than any other community in the state, it was only fitting for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to ask Christy to be the expert presenter on the subject at the state's annual Oklahoma Community and Economic Development Conference in Oklahoma City. It was an honor to be asked to give this presentation. We love to take every opportunity to promote Duncan and showcase what a fantastic community we represent!

Leadership Duncan ... Several years ago our community had a very active leadership development program. Sometimes there is a need to evaluate the active participation in certain programs and make a decision to end them due to lack of participation and volunteers, and that caused the demise of our previous program. The lack of a leadership program has created a lack of knowledge and leadership growth in our community. Faced with this problem, we are acutely aware of the need for a new leadership program.

Concerned citizens along with the Duncan Chamber of Commerce are working to build the new Leadership Duncan Program. The program will kick off next August with a terrific format to educate every participant on the skills needed to lead and the process of city government, state government, and local organizations as well as a host of learning experiences. The committee is very excited about the new format and will begin recruiting the new class in late spring 2008.

Recruiting those Prospective Companies ... Duncan will be hosting 3 prospective companies within the next week. One is traveling here from Canada and other two are from Texas. This typically is the time of the year when many companies slow-down on looking at relocating or expanding. Much too the contrary, the staff is busy preparing for our prospective companies. Not only are we handling inquires but have exciting projects lined up after the first of the year. Today, DAEDF has 17 active projects we are working on. Not all of these projects will materialize into successful ventures for our community, but our job is to attract the ones that are a fit for the long-term growth of the Duncan area.

DAEDF Members, Get It On Your Calendar ... The Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation will hold the Annual Dinner on Thursday, February 7, 2008. The reception will begin at 6pm followed by the dinner at 6:30. Our guest speaker has accepted the invitation and is honored to present.

Upcoming Dates....

Friday, December 14, Pre-Paid Legal Open House, 2-4pm – Duncan

Monday, December 17, DAEDF Board Meeting, 10am – DAEDF Office

Tuesday, December 18, SOIC Frontline Meeting, 10am – USAO Chickasha