



2024 Progress Report



STARK
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHERE BUSINESS GOES TO GROW

MESSAGE FROM SDC PRESIDENT



Stark Development Corporation has enjoyed another year of both achievements and challenges. We have achieved strong partnerships and sustained economic growth while tackling the challenges of childcare needs and workforce concerns. We can assure you, our partners, members and stakeholders, that our board strives to maximize the efficient use of all available resources as we celebrate our achievement and face our challenges. Much has been achieved, but there is always more to do.

I am excited and extremely optimistic about 2025 and beyond. Together with entrepreneurs, leadership, support services and the people, we will not be limited. We will achieve our goals, dreams, and ambitions.

Peggy Ehresman

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MESSAGE FROM SDC

As 2025 begins, we take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements and partnerships that shaped 2024. Our impactful programs, which drive economic growth, would not be possible without the support of our partners; the communities of Stark County, our members, Stark County, and the City of Dickinson.

On behalf of Stark Development Corporation, we are pleased to present our 2024 Progress Report. Last year, we collaborated with 44 businesses, partners, and stakeholders across industries ranging from advanced manufacturing and heavy industrial to salon services, energy, and retail, both small businesses and national chains.

Business retention and expansion remain at the heart of our efforts, often through connecting resources and fostering growth. In 2024, we facilitated nearly \$54 million in new investments in Stark County. As we continue to evolve, Stark Development has become more than just a resource, it is a vital force for business growth and success.

The future of Stark County is bright, and we are excited to share our role in shaping it. Our 2024 Progress Report goes beyond numbers, offering a comprehensive look at our initiatives and impact. We invite you to explore our work and celebrate these successes with us.

THANK YOU to our **Members, Dickinson City Commission, Stark County Commission, and Stark County Jobs Development Authority** for funding to help make our projects possible.

SDC STAFF

Ryan Jilek, Executive Vice President
Danita Tysver, Associate Vice President
Pete Leno, SBDC Center Director



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INTEREST BUYDOWN LOANS

"I sincerely thank Stark Development for their support in creating our new space at Aspire Health Clinic. Their guidance and assistance made our integrated approach of combining chiropractic, physical therapy, and fitness a reality. Along with our local lender and SBA partnerships, this support enabled us to grow, increase employment, and offer unique services to the community. Our success over the past year has opened doors for further expansion, potentially adding more health disciplines. I'm excited to continue this growth and enhance our offerings even more."

Dr. Marvin Eberts



Total Project Investment in the Area

\$51,093,142

SDC Interest Buydown Share

\$1,957,091

BND Interest Buydown Grant

\$3,213,913

1,102 Jobs Retained

97 Jobs Created

SDC Cost Per Job **\$1,632**

15 First Time Clients

2024 APPROVED PACE PROJECTS

AC Energy USA LLC - Dacotah West Crane

Aspire Holdings LLC

Beauty Bar Salon and Day Spa LLC

DO Holdings, LLC - All In Bar & Casino

DO Properties, LLC - All In Events & Catering

EMJ Holding LLC - Muddy Walls Drywall LLC

Jay 27 Rentals - Dickinson Heating and Air Inc.

K. Miller Hair Studio LLC

Laber Real Estate Holdings LLC - Salt Kitchen & Co.

M & E Properties LLC - Caves

Martin Construction

MHL Limited Partnership #121

ND Health Solutions LLC

Prairie Hills Mall LLC

Raven Coffee LLC

Robertson Metal Recycling

Scuba Steve Rentals LLC - Scuba Steve Well Service

SEHC LLC - Steffes

Semerad Holdings LLC - Muse

TMI Corporation



"Stark Development Corp made the process of opening my new business location stress-free at every step. Their expertise and commitment was outstanding, and I couldn't be happier with the result!"

Tara Laber



FORGIVABLE LOANS



"The team at Stark Development were wonderful to work with on the Façade Improvement Program. Any questions we had were answered promptly and the process was explained thoroughly. Their knowledge of the process made it extremely easy from start to finish. We would highly recommend contacting the team at Stark Development if you are looking at starting a new venture to see what programs are out there to help you." *Anthony Kleinwachter*

2024 APPROVED FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Badlands Big Sticks Baseball Club LLC
Dakota Chicken LLC
Edward Jones - Marlene Bradbury
Ion Field Services
Kickback Properties
Midwest Therapy Center
Nest Real Estate
Simply Flowers & Gifts

SDC Investment

\$155,115

Total Project Investment

\$562,182

"Curt and I sincerely thank Stark Development for the façade program and for selecting us as recipients. Our building hadn't been updated in over 40 years, and this renovation has substantially enhanced the curb appeal of our business. One of our customers remarked, "Your building looks amazing—so warm and inviting!" This program not only revitalized our business but also helps beautify the community. We're truly grateful for the support and opportunity!" *Marlene Bradbury*



Childcare Openings Created **18**

SDC Investment **\$18,000**

Total Project Investment **\$600,000**

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NORTH
Dakota
Be Legendary.

\$25,000 MEMBERSHIP

SDC's membership dues to support the efforts in creating improvements and opportunities to Highway 85's corridor. Through the efforts of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is advancing the expansion of US Highway 85 from I-94 to Watford City. Key progress includes completing an Environmental Impact Statement, replacing the Long X Bridge, stabilizing the Horseshoe Bend landslide, and finishing a four-lane stretch from Long X Bridge to Watford City. Work has begun on project development, permitting, and right-of-way planning for segments between ND Highway 200 and Long X Bridge, as well as I-94 to ND Highway 200. A federal grant was secured for the four-lane construction between ND Highway 200 and the Badlands, with bidding set for Fall 2025.



US Highway 85 Progress Map

US 85 4-LANE PROJECT

Project Limits/ Construction Year

- Long X Bridge to Watford City
Completed 2024
- Long X Bridge
Completed 2020
- RP 120 to Long X Bridge
Pending Construction Funding
- Jct ND 200 to RP 120
Pending Construction Funding
- I-94 to Jct ND 200
Pending Construction Funding



PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

\$5,000 SPONSORSHIP



SDC co-hosted the 2024 Ports-to-Plains Alliance Annual Conference in Dickinson. Delegates from along the entire corridor from Mexico, throughout the United States and Canada gathered in Dickinson to discuss the priorities for the corridor. Updates were provided on our local efforts with the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway. Support along the corridor for the creation of US Interstate I-27 and a 4-lane corridor through the US is mostly positive with states where current US Highway 85 runs.



DSU HERITAGE Foundation



My name is Kylie Larson, and I was awarded the Stark Development Corporation Scholarship through the DSU Heritage Foundation. I would like to personally thank you for making this scholarship possible. I greatly appreciate it.

I am originally from Williston, ND. I graduated from Williston High School and then attended Williston State College for two years. I will begin my senior year this coming fall at Dickinson State University.

I am majoring in Business Administration in Human Resources. I am currently a student ambassador. I enjoy showing future Blue Hawk students and families all that our university has to offer. When I am not studying or helping in the community, I am attending many activities and events on campus.

Thank you again for investing in my future! I am truly grateful to be chosen for this scholarship. I am proud to be a member of the Blue Hawk family! *Kylie Larson*

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP CORNERSTONE TRADITION

\$7,500 MATCH FUNDING



The Wide Open Wonder Talent Attraction Campaign for Southwest North Dakota remained

active throughout 2024. The campaign consisted of paid advertising across four states including digital ads, Facebook ads, YouTube skippable ads, LinkedIn ads, and more. An additional grant award of \$204,000 plus matching dollars from Southwest North Dakota secured paid media placements through June of 2025, a regional visitor and relocation guide, and additional photography.



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BUILDING REVITALIZATION GRANT

2024 APPROVED BUILDING REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

All In Bar & Casino
All In Event Center
Dakota Chicken LLC
Midwest Therapy Center

SDC Investment **\$200,000**
Total Project Investment **\$1,479,129**



All In
EVENTS & CATERING

“Stark Development Corporation’s support was essential in revitalizing two Southside Dickinson properties. Their grants and Flex Pace financing enabled me to purchase and renovate the former Southside Saloon, now ALL IN Bar & Casino, and Lady J’s Catering, now ALL IN Events & Catering. The saloon needed major repairs, and grant programs made it feasible. Seeing potential in the vacant event center next door, I invested to restore its community value. Without Stark Development’s assistance, these projects wouldn’t have been possible. I’m grateful for their support and excited for the positive impact on Dickinson’s businesses and community.”

Dave Ouellette



The Building Revitalization Grant assists property owners bringing commercial buildings into compliance with local and national building codes to provide new commercial, retail and restaurant opportunities throughout Stark County! \$50,000 in matching funds are available through a competitive application process.

Contact SDC to discuss your project!



FREE VIRTUAL STARTUP/ ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM

Stark Development Corporation approved **\$15,000** in scholarships which will benefit five Stark County residents. ILT Academy's Virtual Lean Startup Innovation Cohort is designed for anyone who wants to start or grow their business. ILT Academy provides scholarships to participants provided by statewide, regional and local partners. There is no cost to participants other than their time. Whether their an individual or part of a startup team, have an existing product or just starting to shape their ideas, this program can help them succeed.



Lean Startup Innovation

OVERVIEW

In this 10 week program, students will learn how to leverage design thinking, design innovation, with lean startup methods to identify problems worth solving, the needs of their customers and develop bold, new products and service ideas. Students will practice using new tools, frameworks, and processes to collaborate, communicate, create, and think critically about their ideas.

DELIVERABLES

- 30 Second Pitch
- Lean Canvas / 1 Page Business Plan
- 30 Day Active Customer Discovery Plan
- 90 Day Roadmap
- 1 Page Business Overview
- Basic Proforma
- 10 min business presentation on their Lean Canvas / Business Plan
- 5 Min video presentation on their startup business idea



Session Dates //

Every Tuesday from 04/15/2025 to 06/17/2025

Session Times //

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM (CDT)

How much does this program cost?

ILT Academy provides scholarships to participants provided by statewide, regional and local partners. There is no cost to participants other than your time.

Who should apply?

Participants do not need any startup experience nor a fully formed idea for a startup — just ambition, motivation and grit. The 10-Week Lean Startup Program will build startup skills as participants work on their business ideas.

Am I eligible to apply to the program?

Anyone can apply for our virtual program. There are a limited number of seats available; the acceptance rate will be very competitive. We encourage participants to apply regardless of your location and business stage.



APPLY NOW

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4C Rentals LLC
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A Better Place LLC
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ABC Fencing & Oilfield Services LLC
ABLE
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Advanced Business Methods
Adventure Academy Cubs
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Amber Waves Inc.
Angel Advocates
Apex Engineering Group Inc.
ATEEN LLC
Aurora Properties LLC
AWI Properties LLC
B & B Fong LLC
Badlands Big Sticks Baseball Club LLC
Badlands Board of Realtors Inc.
Badlands Feeds LLC
Badlands Gasket
Baker Boy
Beauty Bar Salon and Day Spa LLC
Beyond Shelter Inc.
Bismarck Dentistry/Plaza Dental
Black Clover LLC
Blue Hawk Holdings LLC
Boomers Boarding
Bored to Board
Brady, Martz & Associates P.C.
Bravera Bank
Bright Start
Charbonneau Car Center
Chatter LLC
CHI St. Alexius Health
Choice Bank
Circle C Veterinary Service PLLC
City of Belfield
City of Dickinson
City of South Heart
City of Taylor
Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Community Action Partnership
ConocoPhillips
Consolidated
Continental Management
Contracting Unlimited Inc.
Cornerstone Bank
Creedence Energy Services
D & J Eats and Treats LLC
Dacotah Bank
Dacotah West Crane Service LLC
Dakota Chicken dba Popeyes
Dakota Community Bank & Trust
Dakota Diner
DC Energy Services LLC
Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce
Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau
Dickinson Heating & Air Inc.
Dickinson Municipal Airport Authority
Dickinson Parks and Recreation
Dickinson Public Schools
Dickinson Ready Mix
Dickinson State University
DLN Consulting Inc.
DO Holdings LLC
DO Interests LLC
Driscoll Services LLC
E Services LLC
Ebeltoft . Sickler . Lawyers . PLLC
Eberts Properties PLLC
Edward Jones - Marlene Bradbury
EMJ Holding LLC
EMLC Associates L P
Fisher Industries
Foremost Well Service LLC
Four Seasons Car Wash
Gate City Bank
Happy Rock Farm
Haynes Melbye Law Office PLLC
Heart River Properties Inc.
Heart River Voice
HND Properties - Bodylift Fitness LLC
Home and Land Company
Infinity Real Estate Group LLC
ION Field Services LLC
Irene Schafer
Ironworks Welding Inc.
Ixom Watercare
J and J Operating LLC
J.O.B. Interests LLC
JAY27 Rentals LLC
JE Customs LLC
JE Dunn Construction
JK3S LLC



SDC MEMBERS

JLG Architects
JMI Studio LLC
JP Frameshop
Job Service North Dakota
K Millers Hair Studio LLC
K.Schwartz Properties LLC
KBN Equipment
Key-Lix of North Dakota LLC
Kickback Properties LLC
Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing
Kirkwood Bank & Trust
Kolling & Kolling Inc.
Kovash & Dasovick PC
La Cocina d'Monica LLC
LA Liquors LLC
Lewis & Clark Development Group
M & E Properties LLC (Caves)
M Squared LLC
Marathon Oil Company
Marathon Petroleum Company
Market Press Coffee Co
Martin Construction Inc
Martin's Welding & Refrigeration Inc.
Mellmer Tools LLC
Men's Den Salon
MHL Limited Partnership #121
Midco
Midwest Therapy Center
Millco Dickinson LLC
Montana-Dakota Utilities
Muse LLC
ND Health Solutions LLC
ND Vocational Rehabilitation
Nest Real Estate
Onyx + Ivory LLC
Peace Property Rentals LLC
Phat Fish Brewing LLC
Ponderosa Liquor
Prairie Hills Mall LLC
Precision Machine & Welding Inc.
Precision Properties Group LLC
Quality Quick Print
R Kilen Consulting LLC
Rare Earth Rock Shop and Holistic Wellness Center
Ray's Auto Electric
Red Rock Ford of Dickinson
Robertson Metal Recycling LLC
Roers
Roughrider Electric Cooperative
Salt Kitchen & Co.
Sax Motor Co.
Scuba Steve Rentals LLC
Scull Construction
Service Printers
Signarama Dickinson
Signum LLC
Simnioniw Family Chiropractic
Simply Flowers & Gifts
SJ Peterson Properties LLC
Small World Daycare LLC
Southwest Art Gallery and Science Center
St. Joe's Plaza
Stark County
Stark County Jobs Development Authority
State Avenue Office Condos
Steffes Corporation
Steffes Group Inc.
Stone Mill LLC
Stradling Construction Inc.
Suzy's Stash
TC Energy
The Dickinson Press
The Inspiration Station LLC
The Pet Effect
The Pub LLC/St Welway LLC
The Raven Brew
The Real Estate Co.
The Saucy Blonde Boutique
The Sweet Melange
Therapy Solutions
TMI Systems Corporation
Todd Schweitzer Agency Inc.
Tooz Construction
Town & Country Liquor
Ukrainian Cultural Institute
Urban Unwind
Venture Commercial LLC
Visionary Eye Care
Wahoo Properties LLP
West Dakota Veterinary
Western Cooperative Credit Union
Willett Martial Arts
WIX Barn and Lodge LLC

Thank you to our dues-paying members!

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3-Week Campaign

1,171 Entries

\$104,499 Purchases in Stark County

\$5,134 Sales Tax Collected

\$10,399 Prizes

18 Winners

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 STARK STRONG SPONSORS

A2Z Crafts & Antiques
 Blue 42
 Braun Distributing
 C & K Sweet Shoppe & Coffee
 Chasing Horses
 Consolidated
 Continental Real Estate
 Creative Cards & Gifts
 Dickinson Area Concert Association
 Edward Jones - Marlene Bradbury
 Faith Expressions
 Faithful Blend
 Heart River Voice
 High Plains Dental
 JP Frame Shop
 Market Press
 Maverick's Saloon & Casino
 Nolan Overton

Ponderosa Liquor
 Precision Underground
 Quality Quick Print
 Rare Earth Rock Shop & Holistic Wellness Center
 Riddle's Jewelry
 RLK Appliances
 Service Printers
 SJ Peterson Properties LLC
 Starboard
 Steffen Saw & Bike
 Suzy's Stash
 The Belfield Theater and Performance Center
 The Dickinson Press
 The Sweet Melange
 Town & Country Liquor
 Ukrainian Cultural Institute
 WINN Construction, Inc.

Together we are building a stronger community by supporting
 our local businesses and buying local.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 START-UP YOUR DAY SPONSORS

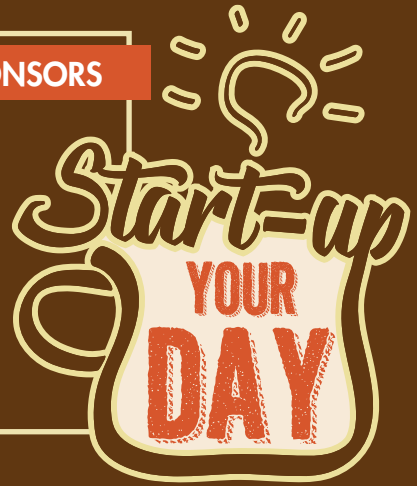
Refreshment Sponsors

The Bake Shop
 Market Press Coffee Co.
 Easy Sweets Bakery
 De Porres House of Barbering and Lounge
 Edward Jones - Marlene Bradbury

Venue Sponsor

Dickinson Park & Recreation

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Start-up Your Day is held the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 am at the Stark County Veterans Pavilion.

Start-up Your Day offers chance for entrepreneurs to network and learn from others through presentations from other business owners or business resources.



EVENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY



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WELCOME PETE LENO



NORTH DAKOTA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Your Ideas - Our Expertise - Your Success

The Dickinson Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is excited to announce the appointment of Pete Leno as its new Center Director. Leno brings a wealth of leadership experience and a deep commitment to community development to the role. As the Dickinson Center Director, Leno will guide the center's mission of empowering small businesses and entrepreneurs across southwestern North Dakota with essential resources and support to drive growth and innovation.

Leno is best known for his long and distinguished career at Dickinson State University, where he served as the Founder and Director of the Ben Franck Human Performance Center from 1991 to 2024. In addition, he was a tenured kinesiology professor and an offensive line coach, mentoring over 2,500 student-athletes, including 17 NAIA All-Americans and multiple Olympic competitors. Leno also spearheaded the development of an Exercise Science Bachelor's Degree, which has grown to become the fourth-largest program on the DSU campus.

"Pete's remarkable career as both an educator and business leader make him uniquely qualified to lead the Dickinson SBDC," said Ryan Jilek, Executive Vice-President for Stark Development Corporation. "His ability to combine strategic thinking with a strong focus on personal and professional growth will be an asset to local businesses and entrepreneurs."

In addition to his academic and coaching achievements, Leno co-founded Turnkey Health, a company offering integrated clinical solutions for biomechanics. Turnkey Health developed state-of-the-art instrumented treadmills with high-speed 3D marker-less motion capture technology to aid clinicians in providing detailed functional movement analysis. This experience not only demonstrates Leno's entrepreneurial acumen but also highlights his expertise in scaling businesses and driving sustainable growth.

"My goal as Director of the SBDC is to create an environment where small businesses can thrive and expand," said Leno. "With my background in coaching, business development, and helping organizations grow, I'm excited to support the entrepreneurial spirit in our community and help businesses achieve their full potential."

Pete Leno and his wife, Deb, have lived in Dickinson since 1991. They are the proud parents of two grown sons and have two grandsons. Leno's deep ties to the community, combined with his vast experience in leadership, business development, and mentoring, will make him an invaluable resource for local entrepreneurs.

Stark Development Corporation and the West River Business Center along with local stakeholders, partner to bring a comprehensive range of services, including business planning, financial analysis, market research, and access to capital through the Dickinson SBDC office.

Current business owners and entrepreneurial startups across Southwestern ND can access the SBDC's services and resources at no cost through their local **SBDC office in Dickinson at 701-456-9044** or **sign up online for a free consultation at ndsbd.org**.



PROGRAM INVESTORS

Bravera Bank
Choice Bank
City of Beach
City of Belfield
ConocoPhillips
Consolidated
Cornerstone Bank

Dakota Community Bank & Trust
Dunn County Job Development Authority
Edward Jones - Marlene Bradbury
First State Bank of Golva
Stark Development Corporation
West River Business Center



DICKINSON CENTER IMPACTS



PETE LENO
CENTER DIRECTOR

- Originally from Kennedy, MN
- Started with the ND SBDC in December 2024



12
New Businesses Created



163
Jobs Supported



124
Individual Clients Advised



\$3,295,519
Client Capital Formation

Q&A

What's the best piece of unconventional advice you've ever received?

My grad school advisor often said, 'Of all the people in the world, you are one of them.' It was his way of reminding us that life isn't meant to be lived alone and that we are all part of something greater than ourselves. The 'whole' truly is greater than the sum of its parts. At its core, life is about being a 'good teammate'—supporting others, fostering collaboration, and ensuring we never let our neighbors down.

If you weren't an advisor, what other profession do you think you would pursue? I would likely explore opportunities in continuing education or collaborate with professionals in movement science, such as physical therapists, trainers, and biomechanists.

EASY SWEETS BAKERY

SUCCESS STORY

DICKINSON - Shawna DeShazo launched Easy Sweets Bakery from her home in Dickinson in 2022, specializing in small-batch, regular, and gluten-free baked goods. What began as a therapeutic activity she shared with her son quickly blossomed into a passion for creating delicious treats. With her baking experience, learned from both her grandmother and her time working in a bakery, Shawna was ready to take the next step by opening a brick-and-mortar location. However, transitioning from a home-based business to a full-scale bakery came with its own set of challenges, and that's where the ND SBDC came in.

Shawna discovered the ND SBDC through a friend who had a positive experience with the program. Motivated by her friend's success, she reached out for assistance to understand the necessary steps for starting and growing her business. The ND SBDC provided crucial guidance, helping her find the resources she needed to launch and expand Easy Sweets Bakery. The ND SBDC helped Shawna through crucial stages of her business development, offering guidance on creating a detailed

business plan, formalizing processes, and understanding key financial information for her growing bakery. With their support, she successfully transitioned Easy Sweets from an online operation to a physical



storefront, ensuring a smooth expansion while maintaining her focus on delivering quality products.

"They helped me find the helpful resources that I needed to get started, and also expand," Shawna stated, highlighting the significant impact their support had on her journey. Through her advising sessions,

she gained valuable insights into the local market and learned how to position her bakery effectively.

Since the start, Easy Sweets Bakery has experienced impressive growth. Shawna has skillfully expanded her customer base, relying primarily on word-of-mouth referrals and a steadfast commitment to delivering high-quality, delicious desserts. As her product offerings have evolved, so too has her business, cultivating a loyal community of customers who value her exceptional baked goods.

As Shawna reflects on her journey, she offers valuable advice to other aspiring entrepreneurs: "Don't give up, even through the hard times." She acknowledges that running a business is filled with ups and downs, but the ability to continue thriving has been a fulfilling experience.

Read this full client success story, along with others, at ndsbdc.org/success-stories

STARK COUNTY ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

POPULATION

| (Job Service North Dakota) | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Stark County | 33,001 | 32,803 |
| Dickinson | 25,130 | 24,979 |
| North Dakota | 783,926 | 778,912 |

TRANSPORTATION

| Airport Boardings (Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Airport) | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--------|--------|
| Airport Passenger Enplanements | 26,088 | 24,152 |
| Airport Passenger Deplanements | 26,773 | 24,994 |

WORKFORCE

| (Job Service North Dakota) | Dec 2024 | Dec 2023 |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Stark County Labor Force | 19,122 | 18,641 |
| Stark County Unemployment | 2.0% | 1.4% |
| Dickinson Unemployment | 2.1% | 1.5% |
| ND Unemployment | 2.5% | 1.8% |
| US Unemployment | 3.8% | 3.5% |

TAXABLE SALES & PURCHASES

| (Office of State Tax Commissioner) | 2024 Q3 | 2023 Q3 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Belfield | \$11,025,779 | \$11,460,024 |
| Dickinson | \$280,358,103 | \$265,035,041 |
| Stark County | \$296,926,333 | \$282,135,631 |

BIRTH RATES

| (CHI St. Alexius Health Dickinson) | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|
| Live Births | 688 | 600 |

TOP 10 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

| (Job Service North Dakota) | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Dickinson Public School District |
| 2 | Walmart |
| 3 | ND Energy Services |
| 4 | Steffes Solutions |
| 5 | Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing |
| 6 | CHI St Alexius Health - Dickinson |
| 7 | Nondisclosable |
| 8 | City of Dickinson |
| 9 | Sanford Health |
| 10 | Baker Boy Inc |

EDUCATION

| K-12 Enrollment (Dept. of Public Instruction) | 2024-2025 | 2023-2024 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Belfield | 236 | 266 |
| Dickinson Public Schools | 4,087 | 3,977 |
| Trinity Catholic Schools | 636 | 617 |
| Hope Christian Academy | 170 | 156 |
| Invitation Hill Adventist School | 11 | 16 |
| Richardton-Taylor | 320 | 312 |
| South Heart | 422 | 397 |
| Stark County Home Education | 365 | 304 |
| Higher Education Fall Enrollment (DSU) | 2024-2025 | 2023-2024 |
| Dickinson State University | 1,410 | 1,453 |

OIL PRICES

| (NDIC Dept. of Mineral Resources) | Dec 2024 | Dec 2023 |
|--|----------|----------|
| West Texas Intermediate Oil (Price/Barrel) | \$70.12 | \$71.90 |

Median Household Income: \$80,744

Housing Units: 15,579

Average Commute Time to Work: 18.3 Minutes

Median Age: 34.7

Largest City: Dickinson

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STARK COUNTY ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

TAX COLLECTIONS

| City Sales Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer) | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Belfield | \$625,451.57 | \$611,143.49 |
| Dickinson | \$11,038,840.49 | \$11,186,875.33 |
| Richardton | \$286,280.02 | \$249,294.78 |
| South Heart | \$79,843.34 | \$78,052.42 |
| Stark County Total | \$12,030,415.42 | \$12,125,366.22 |
| City Occupancy Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer) | 2024 | 2023 |
| Belfield | \$20,287.60 | \$13,233.40 |
| Dickinson | \$470,866.71 | \$438,046.81 |
| Stark County Total | \$491,154.31 | \$451,280.21 |
| City Restaurant/Lodging (Office of ND State Treasurer) | 2024 | 2023 |
| Dickinson | \$1,310,871.40 | \$1,144,425.20 |

REAL ESTATE

| (Badlands Board of Realtors, Inc.) | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Dickinson # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions) | 342 | 358 |
| Dickinson MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family | \$304,439 | \$288,475 |
| Stark County # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions) | 381 | 399 |
| Stark County MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family | \$295,746 | \$277,408 |

BUILDING PERMITS

| Stark County/ Dickinson (City of Dickinson) | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|---|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| | Permits | Total Value | Permits | Total Value |
| Commercial | 24 | \$18,078,877 | 19 | \$54,785,046 |
| Public | 1 | \$50,000 | 1 | \$109,983 |
| Single Family | 67 | \$32,326,890 | 53 | \$29,880,603 |
| Duplex | 0 | \$0 | 6 | \$2,950,479 |
| Multi-Family | 0 | \$0 | 1 | \$910,656 |
| Alteration/Additions | 113 | \$44,514,036 | 96 | \$17,274,594 |
| Misc. Permits/Fees | 628 | \$953,298 | 518 | \$1,021,263 |

HOUSING RENTAL RATES

| (ACS U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey) | |
|---|-------|
| Stark County Rental Vacancy Rate (ACS 2019-23) | 8.9% |
| Stark County Median Rent (ACS 2019-23) | \$966 |

LODGING

| (Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau) | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Occupancy Rate | 54.0% | 51.8% |
| Average Daily Rate | \$99.90 | \$93.71 |

FARMERS PRICE INDEX

| (US Dept. of Agriculture) | Dec 2024 | Dec 2023 |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Farmers Prices Received | 126.5% | 113.1% |
| Farmers Prices Paid | 141.1% | 139.0% |



2024 COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION AWARD WINNER



2024 COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION AWARD NOMINEES:

Badlands Big Sticks Baseball Club LLC
Creative Cards & Gifts/RLK
Edward Jones - Marlene Bradbury

Ion Field Services
The Dickinson Press
West River Office Condos

Qualifications: The Stark Development Corporation's Community Transformation Award is one that has truly transformed the community by utilizing our program to enhance the appearance of their building, property or establishment. The project shows vision and the ability to bring life and vibrancy to their community. Consideration will be given for leveraging our grant dollars against other public or private funds as well as their ability to further diversify our economy or add new economic growth.



2024 PROJECT OF THE YEAR NOMINEES:

All In Bar & Casino - Southside Saloon

All In Events Center - Lady J's

Aspire Health/Chiropractic

Beauty Bar Salon and Day Spa LLC

CAVES

Dacotah West Crane

Dickinson Heating & Air

ILT Academy

K. Miller Hair Studio LLC

Martin Construction

MHL Limited Partnership #121

Midwest Therapy Center

Muddy Walls Drywall LLC

MUSE

ND Health Solutions LLC

Prairie Hills Mall LLC

Raven Coffee LLC

Robertson Metal Recycling

Salt Kitchen & Co.

Scuba Steve Well Service

Small World Daycare LLC

Steffes

TMI Corporation

Qualifications: The Stark Development Corporation's Project of the Year Award is one that exemplifies economic development. This project provides a balance between innovation to an industry, commitment to the community, workforce creation, retention and efficiencies as well as a consideration for generating new wealth for the community, region and industry. Projects utilizing a diverse set of resources to accomplish their goals also demonstrate the ability to leverage resources to maximize their ability to grow.

2024 SDC PROJECT OF THE YEAR WINNER



ROBERTSON
METAL RECYCLING
LLC



WHERE BUSINESS GOES TO GROW

Southwest Area CTE Academy has quickly become a state-of-the-art training facility for students in southwest North Dakota. With major construction wrapping up in August 2024 they were able to open their doors to all programs, offering 14 program areas and 73 courses to 1,118 students from five public schools, two private schools, and homeschool students in the region. The academy has also built strong industry connections, forming partnerships with over 75 local businesses to support workforce development. "We are truly proud of the industry partnerships we've developed to help build the next generation of workers for our region." *Aaron Anderson*



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