



DEDO Digest

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
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Let's Play Ball! DE Turf Officially Opens



DE Turf Sporting Complex

[DE Turf](#), the state's newest sports complex, held its official ribbon-cutting earlier this month in celebration of an eight-year effort to make the vision of a major sports tourism destination in Delaware a reality. The 12-field, all-turf complex, located in Frederica, was projected to create \$18 million in annual economic impact based on 10 events per year. The complex already has 20 large events scheduled for its first year.

Working with advocates, including Senator Brian Bushweller and Bill Strickland, chairman of the DE Turf Board of Directors, \$3.2 million was awarded through the DEDO-administered New Jobs Infrastructure Fund to support construction of the complex.

Did you know?

Delaware ranks

#1 in **Bank**

**Commercial and
Industrial
Lending**

[2016 Michigan Entrepreneurship
Score Card](#)

By the numbers

40%

of DEDO's

**Delaware
Technical
Innovation**

Program grant recipients are successful in obtaining federal Phase II funding.

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Dewey Bakery Expands to Rehoboth

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[BAKED Coffee Bar](#), located in Dewey Beach and the dream of Pam Minhas, is expanding to Rehoboth thanks in part to the support of the Delaware Capital Access Program. Pam, a veteran who served in the U.S. Army and a breast cancer survivor, had years of experience in business and IT. She had the right background to make the project a success, but not the funding. Pam also had great credit and a sound business plan, but the bank was still hesitant to loan her the money because it was under-collateralized. By enrolling in the DCAP program, the bank made the loan to her and she opened up her shop. It has been so successful that she is now opening a second location, appropriately named **Twice Baked**, in Rehoboth soon.



DEDO Means Business at SBDC Delaware's STEM Startup Bootcamp



Carmen Oana Billups, KPMG LLP, and Matt Eckman, who are exploring small business ownership, visited Delaware Economic Development Office's resource table at [SBDC Delaware's](#) STEM Start Up Bootcamp on Wednesday. Fifty entrepreneurs and small business owners attended the two-day event at the The Westin Wilmington.

About the Delaware Economic Development Office

The Delaware Economic Development Office is an executive state agency responsible for attracting new investors and businesses to the state, promoting the expansion of existing industry, assisting small and minority-owned businesses, promoting and developing tourism and creating new and improved employment opportunities for all citizens of the State. Visit dedo.delaware.gov.

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