

## Daviness County to be Presented 'Work Ready' Signage

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OWENSBORO, Ky. (3/5/13) – On Wednesday, March 6, Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Joseph U. Meyer will join representatives from the Daviess County Fiscal Court, the City of Owensboro, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation and other local leaders for a presentation of Work Ready Community Signage. The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation Offices in the Commerce Center (200 East Third Street, Suite 200).

In February 2012, Daviess County was one of the first Kentucky counties to be certified in the Work Ready Communities program. The new certification program from the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board (KWIB) and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet assures employers that a local workforce has the talent and skills necessary to staff existing jobs and to master the innovative technologies new jobs will require.

“Daviess County is a role model for other communities that want to demonstrate a commitment to reaching education, workforce and economic development goals that make their communities a desirable place for businesses,” said Meyer.

Kentucky is the third state to begin certifying counties as Work Ready Communities based on the quality of their labor force. To become certified, communities must gather local support and commitment and apply for the Work Ready Community designation. Counties have to meet criteria in six areas including: high school graduation rate, National Career Readiness Certificate holders, demonstrated community commitment, educational attainment, soft-skills development and digital literacy.

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