



# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **City Announces State Recognition of Three “Select Tennessee” Certified Development Sites**

The City of Bristol and NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership was notified by the State of Tennessee that the 204 acre Partnership Park II was selected as one of the 11 new Select Tennessee Certified Sites. Partnership Park II is located on Weaver Pike and Partnership Park Road. The Select Tennessee program was launched in June 2012 with the goal of helping Tennessee communities prepare available sites for investment and expansion.

The program sets a consistent and rigorous standard upon which companies can rely in making critical location decisions. A hallmark of the program is ensuring that Tennessee sites are ready for development, through marketing those ready for a prospect. Each site has been carefully evaluated in order to minimize development risks to potential end users. Required documentation allows companies to make an informed and timely decision because the site has already been subjected to a comprehensive due diligence process. “The Select Tennessee Certified Sites program assures these companies and site selectors that they are seeing some of the very best sites in the nation, the “cream of the crop”, all ready to go now,” said Foote Consulting Group, LLE President and CEO, Deane C. Foote. Foote Consulting Group is a world-class leading site selection firm who worked with Austin Consulting in evaluating Tennessee’s development sites.

Bristol Tennessee Essential Services (BTES) owned Bristol Business Park consisting of 76 acres located on Highway 394 and Summit Street was also recognized as a Select Tennessee Certified Site. Dr. Michael Browder, CEO of BTES said, “We are pleased to have received this certification. It also reinforces that the infrastructure we have had in place will continue to allow

us to recruit new and expanding industry/business to our community.”

Along with the two Bristol sites another 27 acre Aviation Park Site 1, located on Hamilton Road in Blountville, TN and owned by the Tri-City Airport Authority, of which Bristol is a partner, received notice of certification as well.

“Our partners, NETWORKS, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services, Tri-City Airport Authority and the City of Bristol are all excited about the state notifications. Being home to three of only twenty-two total sites statewide that have been recognized as Select Tennessee Certified Sites was gratifying to all those who worked toward achieving this important designation,” said Bill Sorah, Interim City Manager.

The certification is valid for up to three years, providing no major changes or alterations occur at the site.

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