

Over \$2.5M raised for local economic development projects



Vision Brookings exceeds goal for five-year initiative

The program is designed to capture new and expanding business opportunities that will result in regional economic growth. Components include: workforce development, support for entrepreneurship, business development, and the Research Park at SDSU.

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Youth Apprenticeships coming to Brookings

The community will soon offer a Technical Production Apprenticeship program thanks to a partnership between industry leaders and educators.

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Brookings business owners awarded fellowships

Kirsten Gjesdal, owner of The Carrot Seed Kitchen Co., and Seth Koch and Brant Mathiason of Wooden Legs Brewing Company were selected for the Dakota Rising Fellows program. The program is designed to help rural business owners discover new ways to grow their businesses, themselves and their communities.

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Kristina Petrovic's research will help scientists develop strategies to manage the disease that will benefit farmers in the United States and in Serbia. [More](#)

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**BROOKINGS ECONOMIC HEALTH UPDATE
Year To Date Comparison**

	<u>Oct 2016</u>	<u>Oct 2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
County Employment			
# of Employed Workers	19,101	19,215	+0.6%
Unemployment Rate	2.2%	2.7%	
Construction	<u>Jan-Oct 2016</u>	<u>Jan-Oct 2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
Building Permits	429	452	+5.4%
Permit Value	\$47,174,628	\$33,737,238	-28.5%
Sales Tax			
Retail Taxable Sales	\$297,608,176	\$294,819,088	-1.0%
Total Taxable Sales	\$553,319,152	\$560,598,305	+1.3%
Gross Receipts (3rd B)	\$ 78,009,528	\$ 78,892,080	+1.1%

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