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## Soon to **OPEN** for Business

One of western Harnett County's most exciting projects is now rising on a lot across the street from the new campus of Central Carolina Community College. It's

the first flex space building at the Western Harnett Industrial Park, being built under the direction of the WHIP board of directors.

On track for completion by early May, the 8,600 sq. ft., brick-facade building will be available for purchase or lease.



## Attention Subcontractors: **HELP BUILD BRAGG**

The prime contractor for a large project at Fort Bragg has set up a website, [www.buildbragg.com](http://www.buildbragg.com), to find subcontractors in the construction trades.

The contractor, Hensel Phelps, will need nearly 2,000 construction workers and

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## New Company's HQ comes to Harnett

A new company with international ties has chosen Lillington, N.C., as its U.S. headquarters. **ATG Access, Inc.**, has purchased a division of Boon Edam, Inc., also in Lillington. ATG Access has not only retained current employees of the division, it also plans to increase its staff to up to 30 employees over the next three years.

"We're committed to entering the U.S. market at a time when not many companies are doing so," said Ray Barnett, CEO of ATG Access. "With local and international concerns about security, we're entering a growth market in the U.S. by building upon a quality product and quality staff."

The company took over operations in January.



Ray Barnett,  
CEO of ATG Access

## For Lease or Rent:

## Over 306,000 Square Feet Available in Erwin

Citing a softening market, Pentair Water-Pool will end its lease of the former Swift-Denim weave building in Erwin this summer. With this move, HFTC is actively marketing the extensively renovated, 306,500 sq. ft. facility. It is available for sale or lease.

"It's a first-class, move-in-ready building," says Lee Anne Nance, Director of the Harnett County Economic Development Commission. "We already have

some interest in the property."

"We have been very pleased with our relationship with HFTC and the town of Erwin," said Pentair's Pete Dyke. He reports that the vast majority of the 55 employees there will return to the company's Sanford, NC, campus.

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# Meet the Board



**Edith Cox** is the newest member of the board of directors of Western Harnett Industrial Park, or WHIP.

**A leader in education:** Edith grew up in western Harnett County and returned there to serve the community as teacher, guidance counselor and assistant principal at Western Harnett High School. After 31 years in education in three N.C. counties, she retired to begin a new career of volunteerism.

**I Love Service Work:** Edith's appointment to the WHIP board is just the latest in a long line of appointments. For 25 years, she's served on the board of directors of the Central Electric Membership Corporation (a regional electric cooperative). She has also received gubernatorial appointments to other regional and statewide boards and is extremely active in her church.

Through her volunteerism, she serves people locally and across the nation. She's already traveled to New Orleans and D.C. in recent months for various events.

**Tangible, potential.** "WHIP represents a lot of vision, a lot of thought, and a lot of work," she says. "It's something you can see at this moment, with the spec building and CCCC there at the park. And with BRAC, I can see a bright future for this area. I'm looking forward to being a part of that."

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subcontractors to build the 700,000 square-foot combined headquarters building over the next three years.

Hensel Phelps, Inc. is the prime contractor for this project, led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The building will become the combined headquarters for U.S. Army Forces Command and the U. S. Army Reserve Command.

If you're interested in subcontracting for projects, check out the [website](#).



»The HFTC's annual audit is complete. Check it out online: [www.HarnettForward.org](http://www.HarnettForward.org).

»HFTC, the town of Angier, and Harnett County have been working with the Triangle YMCA to support and encourage their presence in the county.

»At Raven Rock State Park near Lillington, construction is



## HFTC BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Harnett County  
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Lee Anne Nance,  
Harnett County  
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Development  
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Campbell  
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underway for a 7,190-square-foot visitor center.

»EDC Existing Industry Manager Angie Stewart and Harnett County Manager Scott Sauer will be joining 21 area leaders for Leadership Harnett 2009.

»The N.C. Dept. of Transportation has drafted plans and a timetable to make Hwy. 401 a four-lane highway through Harnett County. The five-year project (labeled TIP Project R-2609) could begin as early as this year, and would run from the Goodyear plant in Fayetteville to just north of Fuquay-Varina.



Computer rendering of  
Raven Rock Visitor Center