

Bardstown named a top micropolitan

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Bardstown has made the list of the Top Micropolitans in the U.S. for new and expanding development projects for 2015 by Site Selection magazine.

Bardstown was tied with eight other communities for No. 13 top micropolitans in the nation for 2015.

Last year, the Nelson County Economic Development Agency was named one of the Top 20 Micropolitan Economic Development Agencies in the United States.

Kim Huston, NCEDA president, told PLG-TV 13 some of the projects that may have propelled Bardstown to the top 20 on the list included Itsuwa, a company specializing in coating and painting automotive parts for part suppliers of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, moving to Bardstown, and that Nelson County had an investment of more than \$53 million in new and existing industry projects in 2015, the most recorded in one year since the magazine started the program in the 1990s.

Huston said Bardstown's latest award would help the town in the long run.

"When you're listed on lists like that, that's what other companies are looking at," she said. "Other companies want to locate in communities that are vibrant that other companies have chosen."

Other Kentucky communities that made the list include Campbellsville, Danville, Frankfort, Glasgow, London, Madisonville, Mayfield, Maysville, Mount Sterling, Paducah and Somerset.

In addition to Bardstown being recognized as one of the top micropolitans in the nation, Kentucky was awarded the Governor's Cup, which recognizes the top performing states for capital investment attraction, for the second consecutive year.