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***Plants, Sites, & Parks* Names Wythe Business Projects to Nation's Top 25 List**

WYTHEVILLE—In its March 2003 issue, *Plants, Sites, & Parks*, a trade magazine targeted toward corporate location strategists, identified two Wythe County economic development projects as being among the top 25 projects in the United States based on job creation. Both Pepsi Bottling Group's new facility under construction in Wytheville and Klöckner Pentaplast of America's expansion of its facility in Rural Retreat made the Top 25 list, according to the publication's Bizsites Monitor, which is a running list of the top job creation projects. The final quarter of 2002 was especially productive for Virginia as six other Virginia projects made the listing. A complete listing of the top 25 projects is available at <http://www.bizsites.com/2003/march/article.asp?id=282>.

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