

## Idea Competition, Pop-up Markets Promote Entrepreneurship



### **Brookings Economic Development Corporation kicks off 2018 with entrepreneur focus**

The Idea Competition is in its eleventh year of awarding prize money for innovative ideas. The pop-up markets are open to entrepreneurs who are ready to test the market. Both events are free and designed to help determine next steps for growing and emerging businesses.

[Idea Competition](#)

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### 3M adds over 100 jobs in last two years

3M, Walmart and the city of Brookings celebrated their partnership at an event held at the local manufacturing company. The 3M plant has recently expanded to 650,000 square feet and has grown to 1,100 employees.

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### Passive House being built in Brookings

One look at the building plans is all it took for Dusten Hendrickson to be hooked on the passive house designed by SDSU Department of Architecture students.

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### Business News

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[Old-fashioned mercantile store opens in downtown Brookings](#)

[GlycoScience Research wins Company of the Year award](#)

[Brookings women's group to host conference](#)

### Research Spotlight

#### SDSU researchers study impact of cover crops on soil health

Producers are open to innovative ideas that can improve soil health, but need more evidence before adding cover crops to their rotation plans. [More](#)

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### BROOKINGS ECONOMIC HEALTH UPDATE Year To Date Comparison

	Nov 2016	Nov 2017	Change
<b>County Employment</b>			
# of Employed Workers	19,088	19,312	+1.2%
Unemployment Rate	2.2%	2.7%	
<b>Construction</b>			
	Jan-Nov 2016	Jan-Nov 2017	Change
Building Permits	459	483	+5.2%
Permit Value	\$52,520,334	\$38,347,324	-27.0%
<b>Sales Tax</b>			
Retail Taxable Sales	\$328,692,057	\$326,021,664	-0.8%
Total Taxable Sales	\$607,057,664	\$618,204,706	+1.8%
Gross Receipts (3rd B)	\$ 87,993,091	\$ 88,389,395	+0.5%

### Links

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