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N. Ky. tops Vision 2015 job creation goals in '07

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Northern Kentucky created 2,264 new jobs in 2007, bettering the goal set by the Vision 2015 strategic plan, **Northern Kentucky Tri-ED** said Wednesday.

That beat by 58 percent Vision 2015's goal of 1,430 jobs for the year, Tri-ED said in a news release.

Other highlights for the year:

- The average wage for the jobs created was \$60,922, 156 percent above Vision 2015's target goal of \$48,263.
- Most of the jobs were added in the finance and insurance, and manufacturing sectors.
- The region saw a net gain of 349 management jobs.
- Most of the new jobs came for expanding companies like **Wild Flavors**, **Cincinnati Machine**, **Convergys** and **GSI Commerce**.

Dan Tobergte, president and CEO of Tri-ED, said this year is looking good for Northern Kentucky's job scene as well.

"We anticipate that the 2008 actual net new primary job analysis will show solid results because nearly all of the 1,900 jobs that **Fidelity Investments** added to its Covington campus will be counted in 2008," Tobergte said in the release.

Some of the companies announcing moves or expansions in Northern Kentucky this year: **ZF Lenksysteme**, which is expanding and creating 175 additional jobs; **United States Playing Card Co.**, which is moving from Norwood to Boone County with 500 jobs; **Dbadirect**, which is creating 19 high-tech jobs; and **LeanCor LLC**, which is adding office space and 15 jobs in Florence.

The job figures were compiled by **Policom Corp.** for Tri-ED, the economic development agency for Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties.

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