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## Radox Laboratories to expand, add jobs

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KEARNEYSVILLE - The West Virginia Economic Development Authority recently approved two loans to help Radox Laboratories expand its Jefferson County facility.

One loan, \$1.6 million, is for the expansion of the building, and the second, \$1.1 million, is to assist in the purchase of new equipment.

The loans were approved by the West Virginia Economic Development Authority on Thursday, Dec. 18.

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According to John Reisenweber, Executive Director of the Jefferson County Development Authority, the construction work is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2015, and the renovation to the existing Radox building should take approximately four months to complete.

"We're really excited that Radox is expanding in Jefferson County,"

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Reisenweber said.

"I've been working with them on this expansion for more than two years now, along with Nick Diehl at the West Virginia Economic Development Authority and (Jefferson County) commissioner Walt Pellish, who's met with Radox and is very supportive of their operation."

Reisenweber said the Radox facility in Kearneysville will have a manufacturing component, a research and development lab and a diagnostic lab.

According to West Virginia Economic Development Authority executive director David Warner, the expansion to the Radox facility is expected to create 50 jobs.

Radox currently employs 27 workers at its facility in Jefferson County.

"These are great jobs that are STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)-related. These are the types of high-level jobs we want in Jefferson County," Reisenweber said.

Reisenweber called Radox "a leader in their field" and said the expansion is welcome in Jefferson County.

"The West Virginia Economic Development Authority felt like (Radox) was a good bet, and I agree. They have a great track record in Ireland, and we've assembled a good team here in the county to assist them in getting where they are today," he said.

Radox, an Ireland-based medical technology company, first opened its facility at 515 Industrial Blvd. in the Burr Business Park in 2010.

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