

# Southeast Kentucky Economic Development

## Eye Health Specialists Opens New Facility With SKED Loan



Eye Health Specialist co-owners Tamela Murray and Josh Nichols stand outside their new 4,886 square-foot facility in Somerset, at right. They are pictured with their staff above.

**Josh Nichols and Tamela Murray graduated from optometry school in 2002. By 2003, they partnered to form Eye Health Specialists. In 2010, their successful optometry business created the need for a larger building and increased staff. The SBA 504 Loan Program offered the incentives the young physicians needed to meet their goals and complete the new Somerset facility.**



*"Expanding your business can be a stressful event; so I am very appreciative of the hard work and professionalism displayed by the SKED staff. The SKED office made sure that our paper work was properly completed and helped to siphon at least some of the stress away. The SKED office also provided detailed information along the way so that from opening to closing we were always aware of exactly what was taking place."*

Josh Nichols  
Co-Owner  
Eye Health Specialists  
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**Partners:** SBA 504 Loan Program  
Monticello Banking Company

**Total Project:** \$775,894

**Jobs Created:** Five



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