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**APRIL UPDATE**

**EXPANSIONS**

**COUNTY**

<b>Aptera Software</b>	Allen	<a href="#">more info</a>
<b>C&amp;A Tool Engineering</b>	Whitley	<a href="#">more info</a>
<b>New Horizons Baking Company</b>	Stauben	<a href="#">more info</a>
<b>Resource Group Corp. HQ</b>	Allen	<a href="#">more info</a>
<b>SITES Medical</b>	Allen	<a href="#">more info</a>
<b>TI Automotive</b>	DeKalb	<a href="#">more info</a>
<b>Worldwide Group HQ</b>	DeKalb	<a href="#">more info</a>

**BUSINESS NEWS**

**Modest Population Growth in Fort Wayne Area Counties**

Allen County fell just short of topping 350,000 residents last year but inched toward the mark by gaining more than 17,000 people, according to census estimates released today. [\[more\]](#)

**The Renaissance - New 'Gateway' to Marion**

A large planned development, The Renaissance, near Marion's Interstate 69 interchange is currently underway. The development will be roughly 250 acres of land and is planned to attract jobs to the community, to service Marion from a housing and retail perspective and to give Marion exposure on Interstate 69. [\[more\]](#) [\[new overlay district\]](#)

**World's First Movie Futures Exchange in Marion**

Media Derivatives, a subsidiary company of Veriana, is the world's first futures exchange for Hollywood movies. Once it is operational, Media Derivatives will allow users ranging from major Hollywood producers to the average businessperson to invest in upcoming movie projects. [\[more\]](#)

**Foreign Investment Expected to Create Thousands of Indiana Jobs**

"Foreign direct investment plays a significant role in Indiana's economy, perhaps a more significant role than for the rest of the nation," the report said. "Indiana will continue to gain manufacturing employment from FDI at a far greater proportion than the nation as a whole." [\[more\]](#)

**Study: More Than 70,000 High Tech Jobs in Indiana**

Indiana's high-tech industry added 1,700 net jobs in 2006, the most current state data available. Indiana remained the 23rd largest cyberstate employing 70,200 with a total payroll of \$4.0 billion. [\[more\]](#)

**Indiana Media Industry Network Says State is Ready to Compete**

Actions taken during the 2008 Legislative Session will significantly boost media production, jobs and investment, according to industry representatives. [\[more\]](#)



**COUNTY UPDATES**

**ALLEN**

Girl Scouts announced a consolidation of Councils, placing the headquarters in Fort Wayne [\[ more\]](#)

**DEKALB**

Auburn city planners rezone four sites to match use [\[ more\]](#)

Auburn renews contract for economic development [\[ more\]](#)

DeKalb Development Director predicts economic gains for the county [\[ more\]](#)

**NOBLE**

Kendallville may extend the Eastside Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district to 30 years. [\[ more\]](#)

Whiteshire Hamroc, an Albion swine genetics company will provide crucial technologies to its Chinese partner [\[ more\]](#)

Mobility Toys, an Albion company, is developing a line of off-road, all-terrain vehicles for disabled outdoor sports enthusiasts [\[ more\]](#)

**STEBEN**

Downtown revitalization plans for Fremont are underway and keeping residents involved along the way [\[ more\]](#)

**WABASH**

Life Sciences development in Wabash County is brought to light in the latest edition of Business Xpansion Journal [\[ more\]](#)

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