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> NEWS & UPDATES

BUSINESS NEWS

Lilly Grants \$20M to Northeast Indiana

An unprecedented regional collaboration in northeast Indiana has resulted in the attainment of \$20 million dollars, allocated to significantly support the alignment of northeast Indiana's workforce and talent resources. Funded through a grant from the Lilly Foundation in Indianapolis, grant funds will be utilized in the creation of a regionally inclusive initiative: Talent Opportunity Success (TOPS) 2015. The Northeast Indiana Foundation, a supporting organization of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, will provide management for the program with governing and oversight provided by Community Partnerships, Inc.

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Canadian Firm Opens First U.S. Location in Fort Wayne

A Canadian manufacturer marked the opening of its first factory direct showroom in the United States, located in Fort Wayne, the first US location that President Will R. Hodgskiss has opened here in the US. Carts of America, Inc., which makes hot dog carts & mobile food stands, is a subsidiary of Ontario-based Willy Dog, Ltd. Willy Dog has been one of the largest suppliers of hot dog carts and mobile food stands in the US for the last 20 years. It is the future goal of Willy Dog, Ltd and Carts of America, Inc to begin production of the carts at the Fort Wayne location, creating production and skilled trade jobs in the manufacturing of stainless steel hot dog carts and mobile food stands. [Read More](#)

Whitley County Increasing Resources for Small Business

Whitley County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to fund the business incubator project, "Accelerate Innovation." The project will provide a diverse portfolio of resources to local entrepreneurs and new businesses. Accelerate Innovation will provide both one-on-one and group mentoring opportunities, industry-specific expertise, and access to other business development and education resources to clients. [Read More](#)

REGIONAL SUCCESS

Indiana Earns Top Spot in the Midwest

"Chief Executive" magazine has named Indiana as the best state to do business in the Midwest. It is the second consecutive year the state has taken the top honor. Indiana ranked 11th in the nation. The magazine ranked Indiana third in the nation in Business Friendliness, fourth in Transportation and sixth in Cost of Business. [Read More](#)

Huntington Manufacturer Honored by IndustryWeek

United Technologies Electronic Controls (UTEC), a manufacturer of microprocessor based controls, has been named one of the 10

> COUNTY UPDATES

ADAMS

Adams County EDC continues work towards designation of two 'project ready' sites. The Decatur Industrial Park - Phase III is a 62 acre site with infrastructure work recently completed. The Monroe Business Park is a 22 acre 'project ready' site and now has two (2) businesses located therein. The site is located on rail and plans are to make it ready for growth with use of the rail.

ALLEN

The Fort Wayne-Allen County Economic Development Alliance recently hosted their 15th annual Business Expansion Awards Breakfast, honoring 89 companies for \$190 million of planned investment, 1,500 positions created and 4,000 jobs retained. [Read More](#)

DEKALB

Grace Island Specialty Foods, owned by local entrepreneur, Kalista Johnson, has been recognized by the State of Indiana and accepted into its Indiana Artisan program. Johnson credits her success to a thorough business plan, 8 years of personal research and support garnered through organizations focused on supporting small business and entrepreneurs. [Read More](#)

HUNTINGTON

The Huntington County Commissioners approve a CEDIT Grant in the amount of \$35,000 for the Town of Roanoke toward land acquisition costs associated with the proposed Jackson Square Senior Housing complex. [Read More](#)

The Huntington County Commissioners approved 2 CEDIT Grants to the Town of

microprocessors based controls, has been named one of the 10 best plants in North America by IndustryWeek. The magazine cites UTEC's efficient and strategic manufacturing processes and its efforts in employee involvement and customer and supplier relations. [Read More](#)

Best Places to Work in Indiana

Northeast Indiana claims 4 of this year's Best Places to Work in Indiana awards, presented by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Determined through employee surveys and employer reports, those businesses honored by this distinction represent companies that value respect, communication, opportunity and teamwork. Cultivating a positive work environment not only benefits the employees, but this priority also has a direct effect on the success of the company.

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[View the Best Places to Work in Indiana List](#)

Top Micropolitans

In Conway Data, Inc.'s release of 2008's top performing Micropolitans, Indiana has tied with Illinois for the 7th spot for states with the most top micros. Indiana claims 7 of the nation's top micropolitans and northeast Indiana is home to 4 of these: Kendallville, Angola, Huntington and Marion. [Read More](#)

EVENTS OF INTEREST

The Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership is co-sponsoring two important workshops, both slated for April 22nd: 2nd Annual Growth Capital Symposium and the Northeast Indiana Wind Supply Chain Workshop.

The **Northeast Indiana Wind Supply Chain Workshop** is designed to inform regional suppliers and manufacturers of opportunities available in the growing wind energy market *and* to help communities understand the potential for "green collar" job creation in northeast Indiana associated with renewable energy. For more information [register online](#), call Doug Ahlfeld at 260-437-1478 or email dahrel@dshigs.com. Visit the Partnership's Blog to [learn more](#) about how northeast Indiana is taking advantage of the growing wind energy market.

The annual **Growth Capital Symposium** is organized to provide information on resources available to assist entrepreneurs *and* information to challenge community leaders regarding the priority that needs to be attached to entrepreneurial development as part of our community and economic development strategies. If you are interested in attending the 2nd annual Growth Capital Symposium, please follow this link for [more information](#) or to [register online](#).

The Wealth of Today's Nations: Rediscovering Adam Smith

IPFW will be hosting a panel discussion in conjunction with its Remnant Trust exhibit, highlighting current trends in business and corporate ethics through the perspective of the father of economics, Adam Smith. Business Ethics scholar, Patricia Werhane, will provide the keynote address and panelists will include local business leaders; Keith Busse, President of Steel Dynamics, Inc, Kathy Carrier, President and CEO of Briljent, Ian Rolland, Retired Chairman of Lincoln National, Don Schenkel, Chairman of Tower Financial Corporation and Tower Bank & Trust Company, Scott Trumbull, Chairman and CEO of Franklin Electric Co., Inc. RSVP by April 15 to dsbms@ipfw.edu. No Cost. Learn more about [IPFW's Remnant Trust exhibit](#).

MORE INFORMATION



With the help of the Community Research Institute (CRI) and input from our local economic development partners, you now have access to our sales sheets that contain data and information highlighting four of our six industries: [Financial & Insurance Services](#), [Food Processing](#), [Medical Devices](#) and [Transportation and Logistics](#). Dive into the facts and let Northeast Indiana work for you!

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Warren totaling \$45,000. One award in the amount of \$15,000 takes the Town one step closer to completing their downtown streetscape project. The second award in the amount of \$30,000 supports municipal upgrades to electrical infrastructure in preparation for facility improvements at local employer Heartland Aluminum Co. [Read More](#)

Irving Materials, Inc., in Huntington, was honored for the 8th time by the Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association for a Gold-level Excellence in Mining Award. IMI is a 50 year old company specializing in concrete and aggregates. [Read More](#)

NOBLE

According to Site Selection Magazine and Conway Data, Inc., Kendallville is among the nation's top 100 micropolitans, securing the 25th spot on Conway Data's 2008 compilation. [Read More](#)

STEBEN

After 15 years at the same location at 101 Growth Parkway, Angola, IN, Industrial Contracting & Engineering is moving to a new location that will be almost 10 times its current facility size. Along with the increased building capacity, ICE will also be expanding their structural & miscellaneous fabrication work.

Angola native and engineer, Dave MacFadyen, has designed a machine to create spin art on T-shirts as the basis for incubating a business. The product of this idea, SpinTee, was introduced at a trade show in Orlando, Fla., in November. Purchase of SpinTee have originated from the U.S., Denmark and Israel. [Read More](#)

WABASH

Congratulations to Bill Konyha, President and CEO of the Economic Development Group of Wabash County, Inc. Bill was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Bond Bank (IBB) by Governor Mitch Daniels.

The Wabash City Council approved an ordinance for additional appropriations of \$1.667 million to purchase 220 acres just north and west of the intersection of U.S. 24 and Ind. 13 for a new Wabash Business Park.

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WELLS

Numbers released by the U.S Environmental Protection Agency show that Wells County is ahead of the curve when it comes to pollution. Among the 86 Indiana counties for which numbers are available, Wells County had only four pounds in the toxic release inventory for 2007 announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Only four other Indiana counties had less than 100.

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