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## BUSINESS NEWS

### ITT Claims $160M Contract

ITT Corp. this week announced that its Communications Systems business, headquartered in Fort Wayne, has won a five-year contract to provide engineering and communications services to the Navy. The contract could be worth as much as $160 million to the company. [more]

### Cequent Towing Products Unveil Successful Operation

Michael Finos, Vice President of Logistics and Information Services for Cequent Towing Products was on hand at the 1st Annual Huntington County United Economic Development Business Appreciation Luncheon to announce their newly created 130,000 square foot distribution center in Huntington. Mr. Finos reported that the Huntington operation, which officially began on November 24, has already created over 20 new jobs in Huntington. [more]

## CONTINUING SUCCESS

### Indiana 5th Best State To Do Business

Site Selection Magazine is joining Forbes, Standard and Poor's and CNBC in saying good things about Indiana. The publication has ranked Indiana the fifth best state to operate a business in its November issue. Governor Mitch Daniels says as the country heads into a difficult time this ranking means we are well positioned to stand out and attract new jobs and investment. The state had the biggest leap on the list from last year's lineup, which jumped from eleventh place. [more]

### Northeast Indiana Home to Top Counties in Job Attraction

Steuben, Noble and Dekalb counties have been recognized by the Indiana Economic Development Corp. for their top performance in its job attraction efforts. Steuben was Indiana's top performing county while Noble came in third and Dekalb ranked eighth.

[more-Steuben] [more-Noble]

### Inc. Magazine Ranks Kruse Worldwide Courier

Inc. Magazine included Fort Wayne-based Kruse Worldwide Courier on its annual ranking of the 5000 fastest-growing private companies in the country. Along with being on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies, Kruse Worldwide was also on the top 100 transportation list of 2008.
[Read more]
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### Nu-Tec Coatings Awarded HUBZone Certification

Nu- Tec Coatings is proud to announce the company has been awarded the status of a HUBZone Certified small business (HUBZone Certification Number: 30241). This certification will allow Nu-Tec and its customers to take advantage of a greatly improved access to Federal contracts through the HUBZone program. Nu- Tec Coatings achieved HUBZone Certification through the efforts of the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of

## COUNTY UPDATES

### ALLEN

Fort Wayne based designer Baekgaard announced today the opening of its newly constructed corporate headquarters and distribution facility in southwest Allen County.
Baekgaard manufactures and distributes leather bags and accessories for both men and women. [View News Release]

Solstice Medical, LLC was recently recognized as one of the state of Indiana's leading emerging growth companies during the Indiana Entrepreneurial Leadership Awards ceremony hosted by Indiana University's Kelley School of Business and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.
[View News Release]

### DEKALB

Rathburn Tool and Manufacturing in Auburn celebrated its 25th anniversary Monday with a luncheon for its approximately 20 employees. In 1996, the company won a Lieutenant Governor's Award, ranking as one of only three recipients in the state for that year.
[View Article]

### NOBLE

Cooperation between the city of Kendallville and Noble County helped bring in a grant that brought a recent job expansion to the city. The partnership between these two entities was vital in paving the way for the expansion at Kendallville's local Courier Corp. plant.
[more information]

### WABASH

Economic Development Group of Wabash County, Inc. received nationwide attention in the Expansion Solutions Magazine. This magazine is designed to inform key site selection consultants and corporate

Commerce and Small Business Administration as well as Congressman Mark Souder and Senator Evan Bayh. [Read more]

### Indiana's Medical Device Mecca Has Good Bones

From South Bend in the west to Fort Wayne in the east, Northern Indiana lays claim to world-class medical equipment manufacturers and literally dozens of suppliers. In addition to orthopedics products, the region's supplier companies offer a range of other goods and services, from precision fine wire, hydraulic-compression molding presses, and conveyor systems to specialty fluid controls and electromagnetically transparent composite tubing. [Read the article]

## Want To Know More About Us?

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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