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BUSINESS NEWS

Moving Up, Indiana Most Improved State for Business

CNBC is out with its look at America's Top States for Business. Texas is ranked number one on the list. The state making it the biggest improvement: Indiana. The Hoosier state jumped 13 spots to land at number 13 on the list. CNBC says Indiana improved in 8 of 10 categories used to calculate the rankings. [\[more\]](#)

Top performing mid-market companies in northeast Indiana

The following northeast Indiana companies were included among the top 20 percent in sales growth by mid-market companies, according to a study released Monday by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation. [\[more\]](#)

More Deals Expected With Japanese Companies

An official with the Indiana Economic Development Corp. is "reasonably confident" the recent trade mission to Japan will lead to more development in Indiana over the next few weeks or months. Director of International Development Steve Akard says the state "moved the ball very far forward" with several Japanese companies during the visit. [\[more\]](#)

IU, Purdue-Led Alliance Targets Economic Growth

Supporters of a proposed research alliance, led by Indiana and Purdue Universities, say it would have far reaching implications, with the potential to "reinvigorate the state's economy" in key areas. The framework for the Indiana Innovation Alliance will be voted on by the boards of trustees of both universities. [\[more\]](#)

Innovation Center plans for continued growth

A new building is under construction at the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center, and Karl LaPan already is looking to start marketing another portion of the technology park. The remaining 37 acres of the campus remain undeveloped, and while some companies have shown interest in building there, LaPan wants to ensure the site is as close to shovel-ready as possible. [\[more\]](#)

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ADAMS

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for a new \$1.2 million industrial park in Decatur. The 62-acre park should be ready for operations by September [\[more \]](#)

ALLEN

Navistar, Inc. is planning to add 200 positions at its Fort Wayne Truck Engineering Facility by the end of the year [\[more \]](#)

DEKALB

Nucor Corp. and its Harris Steel Inc. wing are acquiring a company of 650 employees with their purchase of Ambassador Steel Corp., of Auburn [\[more \]](#)

GRANT

Marion-based Central Indiana Ethanol has announced the construction of a new corn oil extraction facility [\[more \]](#)

HUNTINGTON

Huntington secured plans to annex 1,558 acres. Most of that acreage is east of the city, including the Park 24 industrial park. [\[more \]](#)

LAGRANGE

LaGrange County plans to upgrade its economic-development operation [\[more \]](#)

NOBLE

Site development should begin soon on Courier Corp.'s 200,000-square-foot expansion of its Kendallville operation, which is expected to create 100 to 175 new jobs [\[more\]](#)

STEBEN



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General Products Corp. has announced plans to move its headquarters and manufacturing center from Columbus, Ohio to Angola. The move is expected to create as many as 61 jobs [\[more\]](#)

WABASH

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. has agreed to upgrade a plant it operates in Mount Vernon in order to cut output of a refrigerant that depletes ozone [[more](#)]

WELLS

Bluffton will consider replicating the success of specialty food business incubators around the country by creating one of its own [\[more\]](#)

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