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**MARCH UPDATE**

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<b>Custom Poly Packaging</b>	Allen	<a href="#">article</a>
<b>Pinnacle Airlines</b>	Allen	<a href="#">article</a>
<b>Summit Foundry Systems</b>	Allen	<a href="#">article</a>
<b>Whitley Manufacturing</b>	Whitley	<a href="#">article</a>

**TAXES & INCENTIVES**

**Large Tax Exemption for Hoosier Inventors**

Indiana may have just become the most innovation-friendly state in the Union. As of Jan. 1, qualified Indiana taxpayers may receive as much as \$5 million in state tax exemptions on licensing, royalties and other income from their patents. [\[more\]](#)

**Film Incentives Bill Becomes Law**

The Indiana State Senate voted to enact a bill that would grant several incentives to bring more film production to Indiana. The tax credit may be granted only if the expenses are at least \$100,000 in the case of film or television expenses or at least \$50,000 in the case of other qualified productions. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation would approve a production's application for the credit if it is economically viable and will increase economic growth and job creation in Indiana. [\[more\]](#)

**BUSINESS NEWS**

**Fort Wayne Firm Collaborating With Google Health**

Medical Informatics Engineering (MIE) has announced a collaborative relationship with Google Health. Google Health, which was previewed to the healthcare IT community at the HIMSS08 Conference in Orlando by Google CEO Eric Schmidt, is currently being piloted at the Cleveland Clinic and is expected to be released to the public in the near future. [\[more\]](#)

**Northwest to Offer Flights in Fort Wayne**

Northwest Airlines announced it will offer daily nonstop service between the Minneapolis/St. Paul hub and Fort Wayne, Indiana beginning June 5, 2008. The new service will be operated by Northwest Airlin partner Pinnacle Airlines using 50-seat CRJ-200 aircraft. [\[more\]](#) [\[update\]](#)

**Attero Tech Teams With Hong Kong Firm**

Fort Wayne-based Attero Tech LLC, which provides technical engineering services for hardware, embedded firmware and other needs, is teaming up with Computime Group Ltd., an international firm that designs, manufactures and distributes electronic controls and automation devices. [\[more\]](#)

**Auburn Firm Wins Virginia Contract**

The Virginia Department of General Services has awarded Moss Construction Cost Management Inc.(MossCost), a term contract for building cost estimating and value engineering services. [\[ more\]](#)

**UnderSea Gets \$22.9 Million in Navy Contracts**

Two contracts worth a total of \$22.9 million for UnderSea Sensor Systems Inc. of Columbia City were awarded by the Navy division of Air Antisubmarine Forces to produce sonobuoys. [\[more\]](#)

**Indiana Tech Firm Supporting Finland ID Card**

Fort Wayne-based TrustBearer Labs announced it will provide software to improve the usefulness of the Finnish National



**ALLEN**

Condo owners in Harrison Square will receive a full break on their property taxes for the first year the residential portion of the project is open, with the tax break decreasing over the next nine years.

**DEKALB**

DeKalb County Airport in Auburn now has an Instrument Landing System (ILS)

Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Garrett had 450 employees when surveyed over the summer.

**GRANT**

Marion General Hospital was recently named one of Nation's 100 top hospitals by Thomson Healthcare.

The Marion City Council unanimously approved up to \$10 million in bonds to be utilized by Veriana Networks Inc. for its planned headquarters in Marion.

The Economic Growth Council honored 80 companies who jointly invested \$102,000,000 in Grant County in 2007.

Franklin Electric's new training center is expected to bring more than 700 people each year to the county from around the country

**NOBLE**

Kendallville City Council unanimously supported re-establishing the Economic Improvement District (EID).

Ligonier Telephone Co. will invest more than \$4 million to install a fiber-optic network serving Ligonier homes and businesses.

**STEBEN**

Steuben County's air quality is fourth best in the nation, said research done by The Progressive Farmer magazine.

**WABASH**

The Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) announced its first working capital loan to an area business. The program supports entrepreneurial development

software to improve the accuracy of the Finnish National Electronic Identification Card. [[more](#)]

### Sweetwater Launches Music Academy

Sweetwater, the fourth-largest music instrument and pro audio retailer in the world, has launched its new Academy of Music, a fully staffed teaching facility providing lessons in music instruments and music technology for students of all ages. [[more](#)] [[photos](#)]

### Company Launches New Gaming Chair

Aptimise of Fort Wayne Indiana announced the launch of a new product for the video gaming market. [[more](#)]

throughout the county and targets the Downtown Enhancement District of Wabash with working capital loan guarantees.

Wal-Mart celebrated the grand opening of its Wabash Supercenter. The 184,000-square-foot store employs 320, half of those are new positions.

### WELLS

Wal-Mart's donation of 3,500 compact fluorescent light bulbs as part of Mayor Ted Ellis' "Brighten Up Bluffton" program could save residents a total of \$126,000 in electric costs.

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