



> NEW INVESTMENT

EXPANSIONS

Busche
Buchanan Hauling and Rigging
Steel Tank & Fabricating Corp.
Guardian Industries
80/20

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BUSINESS NEWS

ITT to Support NASA

NASA has selected ITT Industries Space Systems LLC of Ft. Wayne, Ind., to provide scientific, analysis and modeling support necessary to conduct research for the Active Sensing of CO2 Emissions over Nights, Days and Seasons (ASCENDS) mission. The cost plus fixed fee contract has a maximum value of five million dollars over a period of five years. As defined in the task orders over the life of the contract, ITT Industries Space Systems will support science, technology, design, development, test and evaluation activities. [Read More](#)

80/20 Expands Manufacturing and Distribution Center

80/20 Inc. will expand its manufacturing and distribution center to include aluminum anodizing capabilities. The company, which designs and manufactures modular extruded aluminum framing for a variety of industrial applications, will expand its 135,000 square foot facility and upgrade manufacturing technology to include an anodizing line. [Read More](#)

Steel Dynamics Makes Fortune 500 List

Steel Dynamics Inc., which built its first steel mill in rural Butler, broke into the Fortune 500 list of the nation's largest companies for 2008, according to the recently released rankings. Steel Dynamics rose to 318th place on the list, after just missing the list last year when it came in at 517. [Read More](#) [See Fortune 500 List](#)

Wind Energy Industry

Wind Energy Comes to Northeast Indiana

As northeast Indiana is realizing its capabilities to serve the wind industry, two wind developers have announced plans to invest more than \$1 billion to build wind farms in northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana. Fort Wayne-based utility Indiana Michigan Power is also studying whether to build one in Jay and Randolph counties. [Read More](#) [Read More-Blog](#)

Wind Energy Farm Announced

Stemming from a 9-month development process, Pioneer Wind Energy announced that its first wind energy farm will be up and running by the end of 2010. The proposal includes the construction of five 20-megawatt windmill farms or "footprints" within a 30-mile radius of Topeka. Each footprint will hold 10 giant turbines that harness the wind. It takes 1,000 to 2,000 acres for each footprint and \$40 million to \$50 million to construct one and get it running. [Read More](#)

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DEKALB

Lakewood Park High School students have reclaimed their right to engineering supremacy by placing 1st in the Purdue Student Engineering competition. This is Lakewood Park's 3rd time in 6 years they have brought home the 1st place trophy.

Small business is still holding its own in DeKalb County. Award-winning stationary designing and manufacturing company, Messenger Corporation in Auburn has recorded profits in January and February of 2009 that are ahead of last year's numbers. This growth marks the 21st consecutive year of profit increases. [more](#)

HUNTINGTON

Brickhouse Grill has opened its doors in downtown Huntington. Its upscale, yet affordable dining services offer lunch and dinner menus as well as catering for weddings, rehearsal dinners, showers, birthday and anniversary parties. [more](#)

LAGRANGE

The LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC) announced that Mr. Keith Gillenwater has been named director of the new economic development office. This announcement follows the February 12 signing of a contract between the LCEDC and the Fort Wayne-Allen County Economic Development Alliance. [more](#)

NOBLE

Noble Thrive, a new countywide grassroots economic development effort, has begun in Noble County. Thrive is part of an initiative by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, created by legislation in 2005 aimed at offering Hoosier counties, cities and towns a



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!

Blog Highlight:

"Micropolitans Gaining on Metros"

As more industries discover the benefits of micropolitans, many companies are taking advantage of these small urban areas. In fact, four northeast Indiana micropolitans were ranked on Site Selection Magazine's Top Micropolitans of 2008...

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comprehensive approach to rural development and is associated with statewide HomeTown Competitiveness program. County leaders will spearhead this initiative. [more](#)

Novozymes Biologicals' new dry agricultural products manufacturing facility is operational and is now producing granular and soluble fertilizer products for the Roots Plant Care business. The new Merriam location triples the company's previous capabilities at its former location in rural Green Township. [more](#)

STEUBEN

The Town of Fremont has been welcomed into the Indiana Main Street program family, a program administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Fremont will join 70 other Indiana Main Street Communities dedicated to the revitalization of their downtown areas. [more](#)

WABASH

Stage Promotions will relocate from Tallahassee, Fla. to Wabash, Ind. this month. Stage Promotions is a full-service, full-time advertising agency which provides authorized promotional materials for The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization out of NYC. It is also the authorized supplier for the works of Irving Berlin, Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Lorenz Hart and supplies high schools, amateur theater groups, dinner theaters and religious organizations with screen-printed, multi-color T-shirts, posters and program covers for the above-mentioned composers and lyricists. [more](#)

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