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**NOVEMBER UPDATE**



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## REGIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Keep up-to-date on the events throughout Northeast Indiana  
[Calendar of Events](#)

## NEW BUSINESS & EXPANSIONS

### Tech Company to Build Global Headquarters in Marion

Veriana Networks, Inc. announced today its plans to build a new global headquarters for Veriana, its subsidiaries and other future businesses here, a move that the company projects will create more than 280 technology jobs by 2012. The company specializes in technology, media and risk management for the entertainment industry. [More](#)

### \$148 million for Fort Wayne Manufacturer to Produce Military Radios

U.S. Senator Evan Bayh announced today that the Senate has approved \$148 million for the military's purchase of radio systems manufactured primarily at ITT Corporation's Fort Wayne facility. The funding was included in the U.S. Department of Defense Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2008, which the Senate unanimously approved last week. [More](#)

### Red Gold Plans New Major Expansion in Adams County

The next multi-million-dollar set of improvements at the Red Gold tomato-processing plant in Geneva received initial tax-abatement approval by the town council on Tuesday night. [More](#)

### Packaging Giant to Expand Fort Wayne Facility

UPS announced today it will expand its packaging hub here, creating 25 new jobs. The company will make a multi-million dollar investment to add more than 17,000 square feet to its northeast Indiana hub, making room for new package sorting and conveying equipment. [More](#)

### Decatur Keeps Firm, 100+ Jobs

A rapidly expanding woodworking company that plans to more than double its workforce over the next several months announced plans Friday to stay in Adams County rather than move to Ohio. [More](#)

### Dental Equipment Supplier to Expand in Fort Wayne

Benco Dental says an expansion of its Midwest distribution center in Fort Wayne will help create seven new jobs. The company, which will invest more than \$760,000, is a distributor of dental equipment and supplies. [More](#)

### Hercules Machinery Signs Distribution Deal

New Haven-based Hercules Machinery Corp. is partnering with CZM Foundation Equipment in Brazil. Hercules will import foundation drilling rigs from CZM for distribution throughout North America. Hercules says the deal could result in new jobs over time. [More](#)

### Steel Dynamics Acquires Omnisource for \$1-Billion

Steel Dynamic Inc.'s \$1-billion acquisition of OmniSource, announced Oct. 1, will allow SDI to exercise more control over the scrap metal it uses to make steel, and it will give OmniSource the capital it needs to continue to expand through acquisitions. [More](#)

## INDIANA NEWS

### Bluffton Mayor Ellis Back from South Korea Conference; Chinese Delegation To Visit

Bluffton Mayor Ted Ellis returned from his latest visit to Asia, this time attending the 2nd United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Congress in Jeju, South Korea. Upon returning, he was advised that an official delegation from Wanzai County in China will be visiting Bluffton shortly, in response to his June visit to China. [More](#)

### Allen County Site Earns 'Shovel Ready' Designation

Eleven new sites across Indiana earned the title of 'shovel ready' today, paving the way for businesses to quickly locate their businesses on a property that is ready for development. An Allen county site made the list. [More](#)

### Small Businesses Boosting Indiana

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## WEBSITE

For more information about the Partnership, about Northeast Indiana and about all the ways we can help you expand your business in our region – please visit our web site:

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All articles were sourced from local and state publications during the months of October & November 2007 to date.

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The updated Indiana Small Business Profile released today by the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration shows that small businesses added 39,100 net new jobs during the latest year studied. [More](#)

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## EDUCATION

### **Pension-Plan Institute Established at IPFW**

Today marked the establishment of the Institute for Pension Plan Management at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. The institute is the result of a partnership between the university and the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries. [More](#)

### **Ivy Tech to Enhance Workforce Training With New Program**

Ivy Tech Community College has received a \$3.1 million grant to develop a new program to provide training to more Hoosiers in science, technology, engineering and math. The program is expected to train about 44,000 people in north central Indiana over the next five years. [More](#)

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## HEALTHCARE

### **Indiana Company Works to Combat Staph Outbreak**

An Angola-based company has developed an anti-microbial technology that it says can stop the spread of illness-causing bacteria such as staph and MRSA. [More](#)

### **Parkview Hospital Opens Ronald McDonald House**

The Ronald McDonald House® at Parkview Hospital is one of only two houses in operation in Indiana with the other located at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. [More](#)

### **HealthGrades Gives Indiana Good Marks in Stroke Care**

Indiana was among the states showing the most improvement in stroke care between 2004 and 2006, according to a new study. [More](#)

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