

Achievements 2013-2014

*Assisted Galfab in obtaining a ten-year, 100-percent property-tax abatement on real-estate improvements as part of an acquisition/expansion project; the four-year project is expected to **create 20 new jobs and to retain 65 existing employees**. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation provided incentives, as well.

*Assisted the Braun Corporation in obtaining a ten-year property-tax abatement on new manufacturing and IT equipment; the expansion project is expected to **create 65 new jobs and to retain 30 existing employees**. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation provided incentives, as well.

*Assisted Winamac Coil Spring in obtaining a forgivable loan to incent the relocation of one production line to a vacant facility, with significant expansion expected to occur in Winamac. The company will transfer nine existing employees to commence operations and expect to **add between ten and 20 positions over the next five-to-ten years**.

*Assisted Antares Trailers, LLC, in securing local incentives to occupy the former Tippecanoe Beverage facility for assembly and sales. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation provided incentives, as well. The company anticipates creating **40-plus jobs over a four-year period**.

*Hired Territorial Engineering, of Koontz Lake, to conduct feasibility studies on three properties in the U.S.-421/CSX corridor for potential rail-served industrial development.

*Established and coordinated a student-business-plan competition in classes taught by Brandon Burgess at Winamac Community High School. Long-term plans are to expand the program beyond Mr. Burgess's classroom and to West Central High School.

*Contracted Associated Images Moving Picture Company to produce episodes about Pulaski County of their *Savor Indiana* tourism-attraction/community-profile program and *ExtraordINary Indiana* business-profile/business-attraction program, both of which air on PBS across the state and in Chicagoland.

*Partnered with Ivy Tech and local companies to develop localized incumbent-worker training programs, including a Leadership segment, which began with "Communication Skills for Supervisors" classes in late January and early March 2014.

*Coordinated and helped to sponsor an OSHA-30 course for local companies

*Successfully nominated Fratco, Inc., to be one of 33 Indiana Companies to Watch.

*Contracted Golden Technologies/Crane + Grey to overhaul *Pulaski Online* and to develop related branding and marketing materials.

- *Spearheaded efforts to establish a young professionals organization in Pulaski County.
- *Director served on PACE/Purdue Extension welder-training course committee. More than 300 students have participated in the entry-level or advanced class, or both. The classes serve as an unofficial “feeder” for more advanced programs and for local manufacturers, who often hire students as laborers and may provide more advanced on-the-job welder training.
- *Participated in five-county Rural and Rustic Tourism Group, contributing to a new tourism brochure for the region.
- *Director served as secretary of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.
- *Director served as president of the Pulaski County Industrial Advisory Commission.
- *Director served as advisor to the Advisory Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. In this capacity, he developed new zoning-ordinance language regarding mobile and manufactured homes, and coordinated a training presentation by State officials.
- *Director served on Winamac Safe Routes to School Taskforce.
- *Partnered with Town of Winamac and Cobblestone Hotels to investigate the development of a hotel in Winamac to serve the needs of major local employers, as well as other visitors.
- *Director visited multiple high-school classes, and participated at one elementary-school and one middle-school function, for Junior Achievement.
- *Director served on NIPSCO’s Reynolds-Topeka ESIP advisory committee.
- *Director served on the Pulaski County ADA Compliance committee.
- *To promote regional cooperation and growth, director participated in the Indiana Technology’s Corridor economic-development group and the Northwest Indiana Forum’s Economic Development Committee, and served as secretary of the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission (KIRPC).
- *To promote regional cooperation with a focus on economic development in low-income areas, the director served as a founding member of advisory board of Northwest Indiana Community Development, LLC, which is seeking qualification for New Market Tax Credit projects in the seven counties of Northwest Indiana.
- *Director served as member of Regional Development Company, an SBA-504 small-business lender.
- *Facilitated local-manufacturer relationships with the Center of Workforce Innovations and Ivy Tech Corporate College.
- *Director coordinated meetings of regional trail groups to plan future trail development and regional connectivity.
- *Hosted Indiana Economic Development Corporation Vice-President Eric Doden at a breakfast roundtable and accompanied him on a local-business visit.
- *Coordinated appearance of Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann in Winamac.
- *Continued public-relations efforts through a quarterly newsletter.