



**Economic Development Partnership** Inc.

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**2016 in Review**

**Your Opportunity– Our Priority**

## The 2016 Board of Directors

The board gratefully acknowledges the DeKalb County Commissioners, the DeKalb County Council, Mayor Norm Yoder (Auburn), Mayor Ron Walter (Butler), Mayor Todd Fiandt (Garrett), and all of the city and town councils for their leadership and commitment to economic development.



**Seated (L to R):** Amy Demske-*President*, Debra Bruce & Ken McCrory-staff, Tena Woenker-*VP*

**Standing (L to R):** John Jones, Steve Bingham, Holly Albright, Jim McCanna, the late Randy McEntarfer, and Mayor Norman Yoder.

**Not pictured:** Alan Middleton, Kelly Dunham, Nancy McNabb-

*The board consists of twelve members. Ten are appointed by county, city, and town officials and two are appointed by the board.*

# Strategic Planning Statements

## **WHO WE ARE:**

- ◆ The mission of DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership, Inc., is to improve quality of life for DeKalb County residents through enhanced employment opportunities resulting from the responsible growth of business and industry.
- ◆ Accessible, knowledgeable, responsive, and flexible to meet the challenges of economic development.
- ◆ We are a *cohesive team* with our committed serving member communities.

## **WHAT WE DO:**

- ◆ DCEDP serves the economic development needs of our member communities.
- ◆ We communicate, coordinate, and assist existing business and industry in DeKalb County.
- ◆ We represent and lead DeKalb County endeavors to attract new industry.
- ◆ We work to improve the business environment that advances industrial output, logistics and expansion.

## **WHERE WE ARE GOING:**

- ◆ We strive for a diverse economic base by promoting advanced manufacturing, logistics, post-secondary education, medical technologies, metal fabrication and entrepreneurship.

# Key Activities

Contacted 35 businesses on expansions, program alignment, logistics, and retention challenges.

## Business Expansion & Retention

Worked with over 50 entities including cities and towns, Indiana Community Development Corp., Indiana and regional economic development agencies, the SBDC, civic and elected leaders, OCRA, WorkOne, IPFW, brokers, utilities, and site selectors.

Chaired DeKalb Learning Link & initiated the DeKalb Industrial Coalition

## Collaboration & Networking

## Workforce Development

Member of Indiana State CDC loan committee for Northern Indiana.

## Finance

Received 52 site leads and submitted 37 requests for information.

## Industrial Attraction

Partnered in the Four County Ed Forum for local officials and Five County Wage and Benefit Survey for business & industry.

## Education & Information

Tax Phase-In preparations, abatement calculations, resolution preparations. TIF, infrastructure and social economic demographic dissemination.

## Consultation & Service

Enhanced social media interaction and maintained website.

# Economic Development in 2016

New Investment

Possible Jobs  
Pledged 134

Jobs Retained 40



*Multimatic Indiana, Inc., an automobile parts supplier expanded its operations in Butler creating 37 new jobs.*

# Announcements

## Expansions

- ◆ Multimatic Inc. (Butler)
- ◆ Specialized Components Products Limited, Inc. (Auburn)
- ◆ Tempus Technologies (Auburn)

## Retentions

- ◆ Miller's Market (Garrett)

## New

- ◆ Midwest Film Factory (Auburn)



Multimatic Inc.



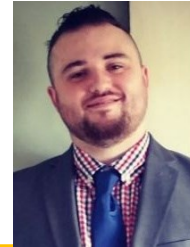
*Tempus Technologies in Auburn pledged thirty jobs and retained forty jobs.*

## Investments

	Expansions	New
2016	\$14,569,848	\$100,000
2015	\$32,500,000	\$34,164,000
2014	\$42,716,550	\$650,000
2013	\$20,459,800	\$10,500
2012	\$99,854,700	\$32,190,000

## 2016 Events

- ◆ Midwest Film Factory Opening
- ◆ Project Specialist position filled by Anton King
- ◆ Executive Director, Ken McCrory retired (end of 2016)
- ◆ Groundbreaking ceremony for Teghtmeyer Ace Hardware
- ◆ Groundbreaking ceremony for Garrett State Bank
- ◆ Wage & Benefit Survey Expanded to Five Counties
- ◆ Opening of Miller's Market and DeKalb Health Pharma Care
- ◆ Amy Schweitzer- Planning Director of the Department of Building
  - ◆ Metal Technologies, Inc. named CEO – Mathew Fetter
- ◆ Waterloo Moves Town Hall
- ◆ Opening of Hartland Winery & Byler Lane Winery



# INVESTORS

The DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership is supported by the generous investments from our county's top industries and the communities we represent. Their support is critical to expand our economic base. Business, civic and elected leaders realize a vibrant community is required to support our economic base and that a community and economic prosperity go hand in hand.



*A unit of American Electric Power*



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