

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 community and economic prosperity go hand in hand.



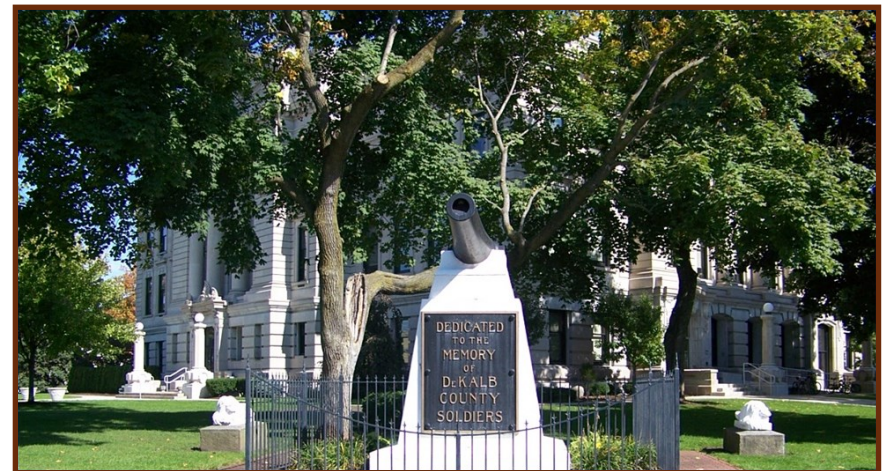
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2015 in Review



Your Opportunity – Our Priority

The board gratefully acknowledges the DeKalb County Commissioners, the DeKalb County Council, Mayors Todd Fiantdt, Ron Walter, Norman Yoder, the late Mayor Tonya Hoefel and all of the city and town councils for their leadership and commitment to economic development.

The 2015 Board of Directors



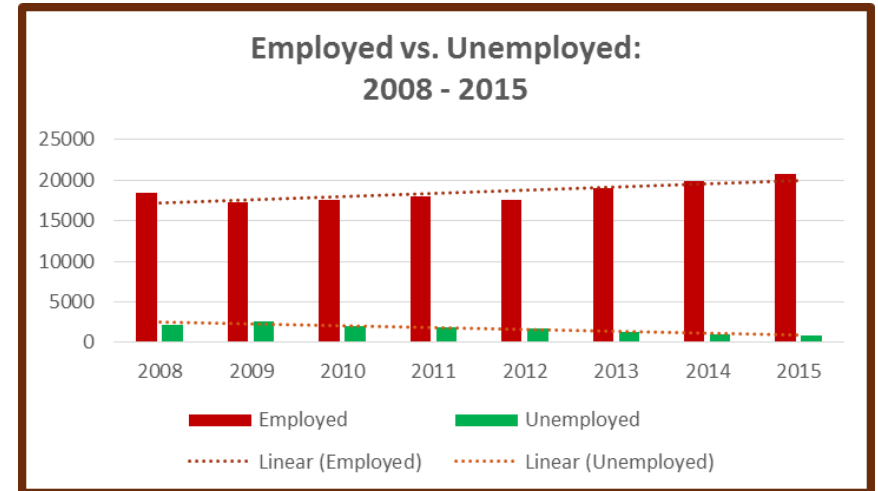
Seated (L to R): Amy Demske-*President*, Debra Bruce & Ken McCrory-*staff*, Tena Woenker-*VP*

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

Not pictured: Alan Middleton, Kelly Dunham, Nancy McNabb-*Secretary*, and Jack Bercaw

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

DeKalb County has seen steady improvement in employment since the “2008 Great Recession”. Another indicator of progress is the significant amount of investments for expansion projects and new facilities; particularly over the last five years.



**New Jobs Pledged:
2010-2015:**
1,783

**Jobs Retained:
2010-2015**
98

	Dollars Invested	
	Expansions	New
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
2011	\$15,186,500	\$111,760,000



Techo-Bloc is a Canadian owned landscape and masonry manufacturer that chose the Waterloo area to locate their new Midwest operations and pledging 95 new jobs.

2015 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTRACTIONS

Techo-Bloc	Waterloo
SRT Prosthetics & Orthotics	Butler
Lippert Components	Auburn

EXPANSIONS AND RETENTION

Magic Coil	County
Therma-Tru Doors	Butler
MetalX	Waterloo
Color Master	Butler

STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENTS

WHO WE ARE

- Our mission is to improve the quality of life for DeKalb County residents through enhanced employment opportunities resulting from the responsible growth of business and industry
- We are accessible, knowledgeable, responsive and flexible to meet the challenges of economic development
- Our member communities are committed and serve as a cohesive team

WHAT WE DO

- We serve 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

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

KEY ACTIVITIES

BUSINESS EXPANSION & RETENTION

Contacted 44 businesses on expansions, program alignment, logistics and retention challenges.

COLLABORATION & NETWORKING

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.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Sponsored/conducted economic workforce forums and career expo. Chaired DeKalb Learning Link. Participated in Indiana Youth Initiative and initiated the DeKalb Industrial Coalition.

FINANCE

Member of the Indiana State Community Development Corporation (CDC) loan committee for northern Indiana.

INDUSTRIAL ATTRACTION

Received 59 site leads, submitted 38 requests for information, upgraded industrial inventory and generated internal leads via public and private networking.

EDUCATION & INFORMATION

Partnered in the Four-County ED Forum for local officials and the 2015 Wage and Benefit Survey for business and industry. Created a Facebook page and website maintenance.

CONSULTATION & SERVICE

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN 2015

New Investment	Pledged Jobs	Jobs Retained
\$68.9 M	265	28



Lippert Components, Inc., a watercraft upholstery company headquartered in Elkhart, Indiana, expanded its operations in Auburn creating 125 new jobs.