# YOUR FUTURE



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## Message From the Chairman of the Board



Our Board has evaluated our past direction and agreed upon a path of a visionary nature to market Elkhart County, with the goal of attracting diversified companies. It's exciting times at the EDC of Elkhart County and we invite you to join us!

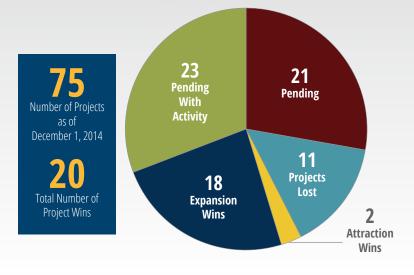
**JAMES DAGUE** RETIRED CEO & PRESIDENT, Indiana University Health Goshen

## 2014 Company Announcements

COMPANY	COMMUNITY	TYPE	TOTAL INVESTMENT	JOBS ANNOUNCED
Alliance Sheets, LLC	Bristol	New	\$25,250,000	50
Alpha Systems, LLC	Elkhart	Existing	\$3,360,000	60
ATC Trailer	Nappanee	Existing	\$6,805,000	120
Ameritrans Bus, Inc.	Elkhart	Existing	\$420,394	35
Ameritrans Bus, Inc.	Nappanee	Existing	\$2,169,529	73
B & J Rocket America, Inc.	Middlebury	Existing	\$2,369,355	0
Challenger Door	Nappanee	Existing	\$1,395,000	25
Commodore Corporation	Goshen	Existing	\$3,608,031	55
Diversified Machine Bristol, LLC	Bristol	Existing	\$23,609,741	116
Forest River Inc.	Bristol/Goshen	Existing	\$5,425,000	185
Grand Design RV	Middlebury	Existing	\$6,922,500	550
Great Lakes Forest Products, Inc.	Elkhart	Existing	\$2,448,000	25
Kem Krest Corporation	Elkhart	Existing	\$1,116,000	12
Lexington Corporation	Elkhart	Existing	\$2,155,000	40
Midwest Automotive Designs	Elkhart	Existing	\$686,500	80
Sapa Extrusions	Elkhart	Existing	\$5,895,000	35
Satellite Industries	Bristol	New	\$6,915,290	70
Smoker Craft, Inc.	New Paris	Existing	\$4,138,900	100
Thermo Bond Buildings, LLC	Elkhart	Existing	\$1,676,300	86
Titan Distribution, LLC	Elkhart	Existing	\$5,450,000	24
Totals			\$111,815,540	1,741

## 2014 Projects

The EDC of Elkhart County is pleased to share our team worked on 75 projects throughout 2014 in both distribution and manufacturing. With 18 expansions of existing companies and 2 new companies locating in Elkhart County, the total investment in our county for 2014 is a whopping \$111,815,540! Elkhart County has 23 active projects continuing into 2015, 21 projects that are on the "wait and see" list, and 11 projects that we lost to other areas. Although we are rarely informed why we lose projects, we do know that 5 were due to the limited amount of available buildings in Elkhart County that met company criteria, such as size, age, condition, and ceiling height. Overall, a very successful year for Elkhart County!



### Growth in the Market



Alliance Sheets. LLC built a \$24 million production facility. Regional General Manager Doug Shaeffer said the production facility will use a state-of-the-

art laminating machine that exists in only six other places in the world. The plant will produce sheets of corrugated paper that are distributed to customers who make corrugated boxes. The EDC facilitated tax incentives for \$25,250,000 of new investment to construct their new manufacturing facility resulting in 50 new jobs.



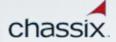
Alpha Sytems—a manufacturer/ distributor of construction products and accessories for the RV, housing

and marine industries—invested \$3.6 mllion to upgrade an existing manufacturing facility resulting in 60 new jobs. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered up to \$320,000 in tax incentives through the Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) program.



**B & J Rocket America, Inc.** plans \$2.6 million in new investments to upgrade their manufacturing facility by robotically automating their retreading blade process.

The company can receive up to \$10k in Skills Enhancement Tax Credits and \$70k in Hoosier Business Investment Tax Credits tax incentives from the State of Indiana Economic Development Corporation.



**Diversified Machine Bristol, LLC**, a leading global supplier of precision chassis

casting and machining solutions, is the

industry's largest single integrated resource for highquality, precision casting and machining solutions with manufacturing capabilities in every key region of the world. The EDC aided Diversified Machine Bristol in receiving tax incentives for \$23.6 million of new investment to modernize machining technologies at their manufacturing facility. This expansion could result in 116 new jobs being created.



**Forest River, Inc.** is one of the largest manufacturers of quality RVs, pontoon boats, cargo trailers and commercial vehicles. The EDC assisted Forest River

in their \$5.4 million of new investment at 5 facilities. The company could receive \$1.85 million in tax incentives over a 10 year period from the State of Indiana's Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) program and plans to create 155 new jobs.



**Kem Krest Corporation** is consistently recognized as an industry leader of supply chain services. Kem Krest serves more than 20 original equipment manufacturers,

including John Deere, Case, Caterpillar, General Dynamics and such automakers as Ford, Hyundai and Honda as well as GM. The EDC coordinated tax incentives for \$1.6 million of new investment to upgrade and equip their new manufacturing and packaging facility.



Sapa Extrusions is North America's leading producer of common alloy extruded aluminum products.

Sapa's aluminium profiles are used in a wide variety of applications, in industry segments ranging from transport and energy to sport and leisure. The EDC teamed with Sapa on tax incentives for \$5.9 million of new investment to construct and expand an aluminum extruding facility. Elkhart County offered up to \$686,000 in real and personal property incentives over a 5 year period.



Satellite Industries is the world's largest supplier of products to the portable restroom industry including

restrooms, trucks and deodorizers. The EDC facilitated tax incentives for \$6.9 million of new investment to construct and equip a new manufacturing facility, offering up to \$675,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. Satellite Industries could also receive up to \$379,000 in real and personal property tax phase in savings from Elkhart County.

## Development Sites

These certified sites are ready for construction — saving time, expense and risk. Perform a custom search for available property based on your requirements on our website www.elkhartcountybiz.com or call (574) 293-5627.

#### **Beck Industrial Park** Elkhart

37 acres Logistics // Manufacturing Quick, direct access to Interstate 80/90 and US 20

#### **Waterford Commons Business Park** Goshen

220 acres Medical Device Industry // Corporate HQ // R&D // Manufacturing Live-Work Concept

## 6 & 13 // Technology and Industry Park

**Syracuse** 

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