



Ongoing Reputation of Excellence

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Economic Strength Among Mid-Size Communities

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In the Nation for Advanced Manufacturing

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Recession Busting Attributes

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Year-Over-Year Growth in Mid-Size Communities

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Out of Top 100 Leading Locations in United States

2015 Annual Report

Message from the **President & CEO**

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The entrepreneurial spirit of Elkhart County continued to thrive in 2015. It was another year of significant employment gains and tremendous capital investment by companies in a variety of industry sectors throughout the County. New accolades for Elkhart County businesses, processes, and your Economic Development Corporation highlighted a great year.

Once again we lead the region in job growth, corporate expansions, capital investment, and the lowest unemployment rate. And it is not just the State of Indiana that takes notice. Elkhart County was ranked 2nd in the Nation for Advanced Manufacturing per the Business Facilities 11th Annual Rankings Report. Site Selection Magazine took note by ranking Elkhart County 3rd in the annual Governor's Cup for new and expanded corporate facilities. Leading Locations ranked Elkhart County #1 in Economic Strength, 6th in "Recession-busting Attributes", and 8th in Year-over-Year growth for Mid-sized Communities.

These accolades and awards are a reflection of the ingenuity and drive that is Elkhart County. Community leaders, elected officials, and the public at-large work hard every day to make Elkhart County the Heart of the Region. If one wants to develop, build, assemble or distribute something, Elkhart County is the place to be!

The challenge for 2016 will be attracting, retaining, and developing the talent to keep our economy thriving in the future. Though a common issue in the Midwest, we are confident in the leadership of our community to develop the plans and tools to succeed. Our community will collaborate on solutions to challenges facing us today. All you have to do is look at our County's history to see this is how we get things done.

This is why Elkhart County is open for business and is the place to live, work, and play!

2015 Company Announcements

COMPANY	COMMUNITY	TYPE	TOTAL INVESTMENT	JOBS ANNOUNCED
ACC Climate Control	Elkhart County	Existing	\$9,950,000	45
Berry Plastics	Goshen	Existing	\$1,982,929	8
BriMar Wood Innovations	Goshen	Existing	\$2,775,000	56
Confidential	Goshen	Existing	\$10,382,781	48
ECI	Elkhart	Existing	\$2,750,000	50
Furrion	Elkhart County	New	\$4,600,000	40
Global Link Distribution	Elkhart	Existing	\$4,000,000	8
Kessington Machine	Elkhart	Existing	\$15,581,000	130
Lozier	Middlebury	Existing	\$14,483,890	300
Mishawaka Sheet Metal	Elkhart County	Existing	\$1,500,000	20
Monogram Foods	Bristol	Existing	\$13,300,000	75
SVO Group	Elkhart	Existing	\$1,020,500	10
Talon Products	Bristol	Existing	\$13,458,229	120
Trim-Lok	Elkhart	New	\$2,345,000	35
Universal Trailer	Bristol	Existing	\$21,358,000	35
Welch Packaging	Elkhart	Existing	\$16,535,000	118
Winnebago of Indiana	Middlebury	Existing	\$5,647,000	150
TOTALS			\$141,669,329	1,248

2015 New Projects



2015 Business Growth



ACC Climate Control is a growing and dynamic designer, manufacturer, and installer of mobile air conditioning and heating systems supplying OEM and aftermarket customers in the school and commercial bus, ambulance, emergency vehicle, van, specialty truck, sleeper cab, off-highway and small cab markets. The EDC facilitated Tax incentives for \$9.95 M of new investment to construct and equip a manufacturing facility which could result in 50 new jobs.



BriMar Wood Innovations builds and installs customized home high-end office furnishings for leading companies primarily located in the U.S. The EDC facilitated Tax incentives for \$2.8 Million of new investment to expand and equip a new manufacturing facility which may result in 70 new jobs.



ECI is a rapidly growing and innovative company that provides SaaS (software as a service) products to assist local and national companies of all sizes in their Human Capital management. The EDC facilitated Tax incentives for \$2.75M of new investment to provide additional training and position the company for future growth. This expansion could result in up to 50 new jobs being created.



Furrion produces innovative audiovisual, electrical and kitchen appliance technology engineered for marine and specialty vehicles. The EDC facilitated Tax incentives for \$4.0M of new investment to design, construct and equip a new R&D and training facility.



Kessington Machine Products provides the latest in CNC turning and milling equipment to support all customer needs for precision manufacturing in the Aerospace Industry. The EDC facilitated Tax incentives for \$25.2M of new investment to retrofit their manufacturing facility with the most current CNC equipment.



Lozier Corporation is the leading manufacturer of store fixtures and design solutions. Retailers worldwide have relied on their quality products and service for almost 60 years. The EDC facilitated Tax incentives for \$14.5 M of new investment to expand and modernize an existing manufacturing facility. 300 new jobs could be created from the successful completion of this project.



Monogram Foods Solutions is the leading manufacturer and marketer of value-added meat products, snacks and appetizers with both owned and licensed brands. The EDC facilitated Tax incentives for \$13.5 of new investment to construct and equip a new manufacturing line at this food processing facility.



Universal Trailer Corporation is a 'Family of Brands' includes the brands Haulmark, Haulmark Motorcoach, Featherlite, Featherlite Specialty, Exiss, Sooner and Wells Cargo. They are the first choice of more cargo trailer customers across North America than any other brand. The EDC facilitated rezoning, annexation and financial incentives for \$20.3 M of new investment to construct a new technology focused manufacturing facility.

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