

*Governor Signs Legislation to Lower Indiana's Corporate Income Tax Rate to 6.5 Percent.*



June 2011

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**FEATURED  
PROPERTIES:**



**NORTHPOINT BUSINESS  
PARK**

3000 State Road 39  
La Porte, IN 46350

**Site Acreage:** 24.1  
**Divisible:** Yes  
**Per acre pricing:** Ranges  
from \$30k to \$35k per acre

This site is 24.1 acres located along state Road 39, and within 1 mile of the Indiana Toll Road I80-90. The site is State-Certified "Shovel Ready," with much of the pre-permitting and environmental studies done.

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**BULK TRANSPORT  
BUILDING**

4333 Ohio  
Michigan City, IN 46360

92,800 square feet, which is 25,200 square feet of office attached to 67,200 square feet of 22 feet clear height. (24 feet to the deck). Sited on 13.5 acres of land. 2000 AMP - 480, 277 3PHASE  
\$1,251M

## Railroad Spur Construction Moves Forward at Kingsbury Industrial Park



The construction of a railroad spur to the Kingsbury Industrial Park is going to encourage some major economic development in the county, said County Commissioner Ken Layton.

And with the Halfwassen Group's agreement to start construction by July 5, it's going to be coming to the county in the near future.

Layton, who was involved in negotiations for the project, said it would help the county in a number of ways once it's complete.

"Number one, I expect the impact to be more jobs in the area," he said. "Number two, I expect an increase in the assessed valuation of the property and the number of corporations or companies that will function out of the Kingsbury Industrial Park and add to the base of the county."

The project involves the construction, installation and equipping of a rail spur from a CSX mine railway line to the Kingsbury Industrial Park. There Halfwassen plans to build a refrigeration unit to store produce coming as far away as South America. It also will allow meat and produce from La Porte to be shipped down there.

On Monday, the County Council adopted a resolution to grant a \$6 million, 15-year loan to the Halfwassen Group, for the project. It also called for the creation of a property owners association to take responsibility for the completion of the project if one of the parties were to leave, and for construction to begin by July 5.

At the meeting, County Council President Rich Mrozinski said the spur and railroad traffic would encourage other businesses to come to the park. Layton agreed.

"Number one, the spur will bring in an increase in rail traffic to the area which, in turn, the intermodal effect will increase the number of corporations in the Kingsbury Industrial Park," he said. "It will bring in a tie to Central America with the produce coming to cold storage."

He pointed out that CSX has also committed \$3 million for the rail transfer and signaling at the spur. He said CSX will hopefully be able to tie into the South Shore Railroad, which will cause growth in the Michigan City area.

"This is just a plus plus for La Porte County and the citizens of La

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**KINGSBURY INDUSTRIAL PARK  
5th Annex  
La Porte, IN 46350**

Site Acreage: 3.2  
Bldg. Sq. Ft. 27,000  
Office Sq. Ft. 400  
Mfg. Sq. Ft. 26,600  
Zoning: Heavy Industrial  
Rail Access: Not on site, but available near by.  
Overhead Crane: Yes - 5  
Crane Size: 5 Ton  
Lease Rate: Negotiable  
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Porte County," he said. "I don't see any loss in it whatsoever."

He said the time frame was supplied by Halfwassan Development, who picked the specific date of July 5. This was after negotiations with the county.

"This has been on track for the better part of a year and there had been no movement," he said. "So we were asking for a specific date and some kind of time structure."

He said the company expects the rail portion to be done sometime in late October or early November, and construction of the warehouse unit and transportation facility to be completed sometime in early winter or early spring.

**Source: Herald Argus, published May 25, 2011**

## 22 Women Honored in Ceremony

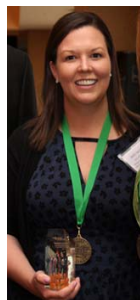
Some 550 people came together last week to honor women from 11 business, nonprofit and political fields at the inaugural Influential Women of Northwest Indiana Awards Banquet at Avalon Manor.

More than 120 Northwest Indiana women were nominated for the honors. An "Influential Woman of the Year Award" and an "Up and Coming Woman of the Year Award" were presented in 11 categories. Congratulations to,



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Diane Thalmann:**  
2011 Influential Woman  
manager of economic development, NIPSCO



**Elizabeth Jacobson:**  
2011 Up and Coming Woman  
economic development director, city of Hammond, Department of Planning and Development  
[Click here for more.](#)

**Source: The Times**

## Community News



### American Licorice Company of La Porte Earns Award for Exemplary Workplace Safety and Health

With its workplace health and safety incidents nearly 70 percent below the national average, and recently being added to the short

list of Indiana's safest companies, American Licorice Company is setting the example locally for what a safe and healthy workplace should look and act like.

Today the Indiana Department of Labor inducted the American Licorice Company into the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program. To participate in INSHARP, a

company must develop and implement an effective worker safety and health program and maintain occupational injury and illness rates below the national average for their industry. Currently, fewer than 50 Indiana workplaces have achieved INSHARP certification.

"A comprehensive and priority approach to workplace safety and wellness begins with top-management support, employee buy-in and participation, and effective systems that identify and eliminate occupational safety and health hazards," said Department of Labor Commissioner Lori Torres. "American Licorice Company has followed that approach and has demonstrated diligently how those combined efforts *do* contribute to workers' health and safety. In short, they are an example of what DOL wants to see in the Hoosier workplace."

American Licorice Company in La Porte, Indiana, manufactures extruded and panned candy products, employing more than 200 salaried, full-time and temporary workers. Some of the company's products manufactured in northwest Indiana include Sour Punch®, Sip-n-Chews® and Extinguisher® chewy sour candy.

The company's three-year worker illness and injury rate is nearly 70 percent below the national average for its industry.

**Source: Indiana Department of Labor News Release**

### **Uptown's First Friday Art Walks in Michigan City**



Michigan City is getting into the art game with its emerging Uptown Art District. You can get a sample of what's on display, do some shopping, grab a bite to eat and enjoy live entertainment during the Uptown Art District First Friday.

Besides viewing artwork at galleries in Uptown, other participating businesses open up their shops with special offers and events each month. Go to [uptownartsdistrict.org](http://uptownartsdistrict.org) for participating galleries. 5-8 p.m. Friday in historic downtown Michigan City, Ind., 11th Street north to Lake Michigan; free admission. Sponsored by MC Mainstreet Association.

### **Integrative Flavors Scores in Highest Category**



Integrative Flavors (IF) has been in the business of making highly regarded food bases since the 1930s when we manufactured bouillon for military rations during World War II. Since that time Integrative Flavors has helped thousands of chefs and product developers

achieve maximum flavor and consistency while reducing labor.

In August 2010, Integrative Flavors moved into its new state of the art food manufacturing facility on Highway 12 in Michigan City. The facility was designed to incorporate as many energy efficient and green initiatives as possible. IF makes it a priority to do their part in keeping the environment clean.

On December 2, 2010 the Michigan City Economic Development Corporation awarded IF the 2010 Business Investment Award.

This award recognizes IF for their significant manufacturing investments in the Michigan City area.

Most recently, Integrative Flavors scored in the highest category when NSF Cook & Thurber performed an independent third party audit for Food Safety, Quality and Food Defense in December 2010. Integrative Flavors is a Woman-Owned Business. Visit them at [www.integrativeflavors.com](http://www.integrativeflavors.com).

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