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Over the Last Two Years Indiana Attracted \$15 Billion in Foreign Investment--More Than Any Other State

Why are companies like Honda and Nestlé bringing their US operations to Indiana?

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Indiana Near Top of "Freedom" List



Indiana is one of the most "free" states in the nation, according to a study from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. The report ranks Indiana near the top of the list in economic, social and personal freedoms. [Click here for more.](#)

Former Michigan City Resident Creates Siri for Apple



The phone call from Steve Jobs came as a surprise. But even before he took that call, in March, 2010, former Michigan City resident Dag Kittlaus knew that Siri, his voice-controlled cellphone application, was a winner. So did Dag's mother Liv Markle, who still lives in Michigan City. [Click here for more.](#)

Upcoming Events

[Annual Christmas Tree Sale](#)

Choose & cut trees, etc.
11/01/2011 - 12/24/2011

[First Fridays, Uptown Arts](#)

Michigan City, Franklin Square
12/2/2011 5:00 pm

[Made in La Porte County](#)

Marquette Mall
Local firms showcase products
12/2/11 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

[Holiday Promotions](#)

Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets
Michigan City
11/01/11 - 12/31/11

[Country/Bluegrass Acoustic Jam](#)

Temple News Agency,
La Porte
Tuesdays, 04/26/11 - 12/27/11

[Click here for other events in La Porte County.](#)

Featured Properties



1540 Genesis Drive
La Porte, IN

Michigan City Paper Box Co. Plans \$725K Expansion



A longtime Michigan City company is expanding in a move designed to shore up its future in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

Michigan City Paper Box Co. plans on spending \$725,000 on two new fully automated lines. [Click here for more.](#)

Property Description:

Building Sq. Ft: 5,000
Site Acreage: 2 Acres
Zoning: Light Industrial
Drive-In Doors: 2
\$227k

Contact:

GLEDC at 219-324-8584 for more information or email projects@gledc.com



Michigan City Enterprise Center

901-945 S. Woodland St.
Michigan City, IN 46360

Property Description:

Lot Size: 40 acres
Sq. Ft.: 300,000 sq. ft contiguous: Divisible from 25,000- 300,000
Site Status: For Lease
Lease price: \$1.75 - \$2.50 per sq. ft
Ceiling Clearance: 20' - 40'
Cranes: (30) ranging from 3 - 20 tons
Docs: 22
Zoning: M-1

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Electronic Commerce Inc. Expansion Will Mean 25--50 New Jobs

Electronic Commerce Inc., which employs 120 people, announced the expansion of its corporate headquarters in Elkhart and its plans to hire an additional 25 to 50 employees over the next year. The addition brings the total site to 19,000 square feet of office space. [Click here for more.](#)

Trails Showcase the Unique in Seven Northern Indiana Counties



Discover Northern Indiana's artisan and agriculture heritage by follow one or more of the recently created Art & Earth Trails, a self-directed drive tracing routes highlighting the best of what this part of the state has to offer. The seven counties showcase -- Porter, La Porte, St. Joseph, Marshall, Kosciusko, Elkhart and LaGrange -- are clustered along the Indiana Toll Road and the trails are named to reflect the defining characteristic of each. [Click here for](#)

[more.](#)

St. Andrews Products Growth is Fueled By Treating Customers and Employees Like Family



It's a long way from providing plastic bags for the PGA of America to providing merchandise for major golf tournaments and corporations.

It has been a long and challenging path but it's one James T. Strzelecki knows well because he's walked every step of it. In 1989, he was working for a company that sold plastic bags to the PGA, but when it made a decision to go in a different direction, Strzelecki struck out on his own. [Click here for more.](#)

Motocross Facility May Come to KIP



Plans are in the works for an indoor motocross facility in the Kingsbury Industrial Park.

And developers are hoping for a November of 2012 opening.

Carl Spicer, a former business owner in South Bend, said the planned project, which has yet to be finalized, involves the construction of a 83,000 square foot facility in the Kingsbury Industrial Park, located by the current Dirt Mx outdoor motocross track.

He said the building would include a 50,000 square foot track to accommodate pro-amature motocross riders during the winter months, an audience seating capacity between 500 to 1,000 and a full concession stand (basically a small restaurant). Spicer said there are roughly 7,000 motocross riders in the region who would be serviced by this facility. [Click here for more.](#)

Sullivan Palatek Plans Expansion



Sullivan Palatek approached the La Porte County Council for a tax abatement aid with a proposed expansion of their manufacturing facilities.

Sullivan-Palatek is a company that manufactures electric and diesel driven rotary screw air compressors. Their products also include items such as air dryers, filters, condensate remediation systems and pneumatic tools.

John Regetz, co-director of the Economic Development Alliance, said the resolutions confirmed by the council were part of a two-step process for the proposed expansion. [Click here for more.](#)

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