

Indiana Ranks 1st among states in per capita income derived from foreign owned manufacturing operations.



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FEATURED PROPERTIES:



GENESIS BUILDING

1500 Genesis Drive
La Porte, IN 46350

List Price: \$1,2M
Lease price: \$3.00
Building Size: 110,920 sq. ft.
Land: 8 acres
Zoning Industrial
Year Built: 1991 with an addition in 1998
Office and Warehouse included.

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BULK TRANSPORT

4333 Ohio Street
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.

Fronius Selects Portage-Celebrating one of the biggest new-job creations for Northwest Indiana



"First a company may pick a state where they have a good chance of succeeding," said Governor Daniels. "But, ultimately, they have to pick a community, and they chose wisely and well when they chose Portage."

Fronius began working with Portage and the Portage Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) about a year ago, according to Bert Cook of PEDCO.. "It was a competitive

project," he said. "They had the opportunity to expand in Michigan, and they considered options across the Midwest. It shows how Indiana is in a good position even compared to neighboring states."

Mayor Olga Velazquez was on hand as well, excited at the opportunity this new business venture brings to Portage. "Can you feel the energy?" she exclaimed to the crowd. She continued, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the governor and his team as well as the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and Jim Staton, for working with us at the local level to help bring this project to Portage. Thank you very much." [Click here for more.](#)

Source: [VALPOLIFE.com](#)

Tim Gropp Leaves La Porte for Fishers



Tim Gropp is no longer executive director of the Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation, much to the sadness of local officials who praised his job performance.

"He really grew into the job," La Porte Mayor Kathy Chrobak said. " We hate to see him go. We wish him all the best."

Gropp, 32 left July 8 to assume the job as Assistant Director of Economic Development in Fishers, IN just outside Indianapolis. Chrobak said Gropp, being a lifelong La Porte resident, struggled with the decision, but was looking for a position close to where some members of his family live.

"It was a shock when he announced he was leaving. It was something he couldn't pass up," said Chrobak, who formed GLEDC a decade ago. "He was such a spectacular economic developer in our community, and others began to take notice."

Gropp started in 2006 when Leigh Morris was mayor. Morris said one of his joys is

(24 feet to the deck). Sited on 13.5 acres of land. 2000 AMP - 480, 277 3PHASE
Location Description:
Located within minutes of U.S 20, 421, I-94 & I-80(15 Minutes) I-65(30 Minutes), Chicago - LOOP(60 Minutes) Michigan State Line via I-94 15 Minutes.
\$1,251M
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to see a younger person like Gropp, when given a change, make the most out of his career opportunity and mature as a professional. "He's a great example of a young person who grew up in this community and wanted to stay here and really made, I think, a terrific contribution to this region," Morris said. "I hate to see him go. By the same token, the opportunity he has now is going to be a great step for him and his career, and I know he's going to do a great job there."

Chroback said the GLEDC board is advertising the vacancy. In the meantime, Bob Rottinger, who recently started in the position of retention and expansion with GLEDC and Liz Sanchez, who was Gropp's assistant, and others are running GLEDC.

Gropp received a bachelor's degree in business from Purdue University North Central in 2005 and CECd certification from the International Economic Development Council in October 2009.

3rd Annual Super Boat Race Schedule



One of the greatest shows of speed and fun is making its way back to Michigan City in 2011 as the Third Annual Great Lakes Grand Prix rumbles onto the southern shore of Lake Michigan once again between Aug. 2 and Aug. 7, 2011. The five-day event will not only feature the world's best offshore powerboat racers and machines, but outstanding parties, amazing local food and drink, great entertainment, outstanding venues and some of the friendliest and most

hospitable folks you'll ever meet.

AUGUST 5, 2011 (Friday)

9am-5pm Registration: Washington Park
9am-5pm Inspection: Washington Park

AUGUST 6, 2011 (Saturday)

8:30am Mandatory Drivers Meeting: Washington Park
9am-5pm Meet the Racers: Washington Park
12pm-5pm Testing: As per the SBIP Rulebook
12 noon-5pm Launching: Washington Park
10am-5pm Inspection: Washington Park
10am-5pm Registration: Washington Park

AUGUST 7, 2011 (Sunday) - Race Day

7:30am-8:30am Physicals: Washington Park
8am-4pm Launching: Washington Park
8:30am Mandatory Drivers Meeting: Washington Park
9am-4pm Powerboats Dry Pits: Washington Park
10am FAA pilots meeting: Memorial Hospital Property
10:45am Boats Parade to Mill Area
11am Start of 1st Race: Washington Park
12:45pm Boats Parade to Mill Area
1pm Start of 2nd Race: Washington Park
5pm Awards Presentation: Blue Chip Casino Hotel & Spa

[For more information, click here.](#)

Horizon Earns National Community Banking Award

The parent of Michigan City-based Horizon Bank has received recognition for the fourth consecutive year as one of the nation's top community banks.

US Banker magazine listed Horizon Bancorp as one of the top 200 community banks in its June edition. The list includes publicly traded banks and thrifts with less than \$2 billion in assets, and rankings are based on a bank's three-year average return on equity. The three-year average for Horizon, which ranked No. 101 on the list, was 9.61 percent.

"Horizon is pleased to be recognized as a top-performing community bank for the fourth consecutive year," Craig Dwight, Horizon Bancorp president and CEO, said in a statement. "We have a dedicated team of advisers who make sound decisions and are committed to providing one-on-one financial advice to customers.

"I'm proud of our team and know that we will continue to strive toward achieving this recognition in the years ahead."

Horizon Bancorp is a locally owned, independent commercial bank holding company serving northern Indiana and southwest Michigan.

Source: The Times

St. Anthony Health Awards

St. Anthony Health, has been recognized for outstanding quality by the following:

- 2010 Anthem Successful Practice Award
- Outstanding Achievement Award from The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
- Best of the Region 2010

Uptown Arts and 1st Friday



Eleven+ galleries and artful businesses welcome you every "First Friday" from 5-8 pm. Michigan City, IN are on the shores of Lake Michigan and a one-hour drive from Chicago. The South Shore Train line also takes you right to our district.

Most galleries are within walking distance and there is a wide variety of art to be seen. Start your tour at the Southern Shore Art Association at 724 Franklin. As the president of the SSAA, I am very fortunate to be able to work with over 70 very talented local artist members. We are always welcoming new members, so please check out www.SouthernShoreArtAssociation.com for more info. We offer a new show every month with openings on "First Fridays" where refreshments are served.

You can pair your visit with a trip to the Lighthouse Premium Outlet Mall, which is two blocks west of our gallery, or the Blue Chip Casino a few blocks east.

Free Downtown La Porte Movie



August 5th, 2011

Begins at Dusk (8:00-8:30pm)

Bring your lawn chair or blanket to the corner of State and Monroe (one block east of the courthouse) to watch "MegaMind" on the wall of Suds on State Street.

Free Popcorn and Food available for purchase from American B&J's Café.

Come before the show and Support Downtown Businesses

Eat. Shop. Relax.

2nd Saturdays Downtown La Porte



Mix & Mingle Event, "art walk"

August 13, 2011

From 5-8pm

Dedicated to the development of a strong and vital community.

For more information contact Laura Cutler at 219.326.8626 or

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