

# Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium

## Meeting Minutes

### October 8, 2009

Attendees: Frank Holuta – Elkin  
Ellen Starry – Gorell  
Volker Valentin – Gorell  
Mike Rempel – Gorell  
Julie Miller – MGK  
Dave Coleman – Cleveland Brothers  
Dennis McCracken – Quintech  
Nancy Saxman – Synergy  
Stephanie DiLeo – Homer City Automation  
Tom Baker – Winchester Industries

Herb Gleditsch – CareerLink  
Ken Raybuck – Tri-county WIB  
Carol Fry – ICTC  
Jane Gardner – IUP, Eberly College  
Dana Henry – Chamber of Commerce

#### **Tri-County Meeting:**

##### *Legislative Committee*

Stephanie DiLeo and Ellen Starry have volunteered to be the representatives for the Indiana County.

##### *Sharing successes (website addition)*

The cost would be \$1000 and the state would not fund it so it would need to come from the tri-county group. We need participation for this to work and would like to confirm our interest before providing the funds. We discussed waiting on this idea due to the current economic condition and Mike said he would bring these thoughts back to the tri-county meeting.

#### **October 6<sup>th</sup> High School Job Fair:**

ICTC made up brochures for this event that listed some jobs that were needed for manufacturing companies. Thank you to all of those who volunteered.

#### **Monthly Spotlight Companies**

We have gone through all the companies that filled out the spotlight forms. We discussed whether we should start back at the beginning with a new format or not, and what types of changes could be made to the format. One idea was to give the benefits about working for and with local companies.

**Manufacturing Innovation:**

Tony Palimone came in to talk about the upcoming seminar on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Networking:**

We now have a list of administrators for school papers. United High school has put our ad in their paper. Carol Fry is to follow-up on the other schools.

**International Business Training:**

A seminar on Export Basics will run Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-11. It will be \$40 for the first attendee and \$35 each for companies with 2 or more people in attendance.

**2009-2010 Budget Planning:**

The general proposal before the state includes funding for IP but will be less than half of what we received last year. This does not necessarily mean we will get half because they may make a new criteria in which we get nothing. We do have enough money in our account to use for some promotional items next year.

**Speaker:**

Tracey Missien visited the consortium and made a presentation on the office of education and economic development.

**Other:**

Mike discussed our attendance and that although our promotional event went well, we did not get any new members. Lately we haven't seen as many attendees but this may be due to the condition of the economy and many companies operating in survival mode. We also talked about starting the planning for our next event whether it be a candidate night, showcase night, etc...