

The Indiana County Center for Economic Operations
INDIANA COUNTY MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM

Friday, April 21, 2006 @ 7:30 am
Hosted by: Gorell Enterprises, Inc.

Company Members Present:

Jim Cupp	-Ardiem Medical, Inc.	Nancy Saxman	-Synergy Contracting Services, LLC
Jodie Detwiler	-Clark Metal Products Co.	Dave Grube	-ElectroMec
Carol Wisner	-FMC Technologies	Ellen Starry	-Gorell Enterprises, Inc.
Mike Rempel	-Gorell Enterprises, Inc.	Dennis McCracken	-Quintech Electronics
Mike Sugrue	-Winchester Industries	Rosanne Gundy	-Learning Sciences International

Resource Members Present:

Dave Frick	-Indiana County Commssioner	Dale Bish	-Indiana County Career Link
Jane Gardner	-IUP, Eberly College of Business	Mary Salony	-Tri-County WIB

Call to Order:

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:44 am. This was our first onsite tour/meeting, which was at Gorell's.

General Comments/Other Business:

The Job Fair is scheduled for June 8th and information will be forwarded via e-mail too. May 17th is the deadline to apply, so apply ASAP. Jane gave someone information concerning training funds available with Wednet and CJT. Wednet Grant is guaranteed funds that can be used for Basic Training, which is \$450 and IT Training, which is \$700. It is an easy application process. Wednet can be used 3 times in 5 years or 2 years in a row. You apply June and have to use funds July 1 to June 30. CJT is higher level training. The consortium applied as a group and was rejected.

Tri-County Coordinator update, Fred is reviewing second round of interviewees and we may have a candidate. The coordinator will collectively and individually help. By next week we may official have a coordinator.

Jodie, Ellen, and Mike were discussing on how to have more members to come to the Consortium by networking and have speakers, and highlighting the successes. Angie Campisano will be coming to the next meeting. Mike reviewed a sheet of possible speakers and topics for the rest of the year's meetings.

Training for incumbent worker grant is in 3 areas: Lean, Supervisor, and HR Certificate. The training may be scheduled for May and June because the funds need to be used by June 30.

Website Update – Mike contracted Allegheny Graphics to do the website. He showed us a layout version of the site. It will be with a black background and orange. It will be a professional layout.

Other items that still need to be discussed and planned are the recruitment event and brochure for the consortium. The successes and benefits of the Consortium need to be explained to any future perspective companies. Some possible recruitment ideas included an after hours event, a recruitment after hours event to promote in a social atmosphere. In the past, we had a social and the members enjoyed it. Some other ideas include a press release in the Indiana Gazette, hosting a Chamber after hour's event. Mike asked members to encourage one other company to come and join the consortium.

Mike gave some background information about Gorell and then members were divided into 3 tour groups.

Next Meeting:

Friday, May 19, 2006 at the Indiana Career Link at 7:30 a.m.