

The Indiana County Center for Economic Operations
INDIANA COUNTY MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM

Friday, February 17, 2006 @ 7:30 am

Hosted by: Indiana County CareerLink and Clark Metal Products Co.

Company Members Present:

Nancy Saxman	-Ardiem Medical, Inc.	Jim Cupp	-Ardiem Medical, Inc.
Jodie Detwiler	-Clark Metal Products Co.	Ellen Starry	-Gorell Enterprises, Inc.
Mike Rempel	-Gorell Enterprises, Inc.	Rosanne Gundy	-Learning Sciences International
Dennis McCracken	-Quintech Electronics	Andy Bodnar	-Specialty Tires of America

Resource Members Present:

Mary Beth Sweeney	-WCCC/ICCC	Bonita Garshnick	-Indiana County Career Link
Dale Bish	-Indiana County Career Link	Mary Salony	-Tri County WIB
Mary Yarnal	-Indiana County Technology Center		

Call to Order:

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:35 am. Mike gave a membership update that Winchester Industries has decided to join and that Specialty Tires of America may be joining. He also gave an update that membership dues of \$100 are to be sent to Jodie of Clark Metals. A 2006 Meeting Schedule was handed out to the meeting attendees. Ellen will be contacting Jane concerning our name tags.

General Comments/Other Business:

Attendance/Contact List was handed out to the attendees to review. Each member needs to review and send any updates or comments to Rosanne to make the necessary updates to the list. Ellen will be forwarding the electronic file to Rosanne. To assist in recruitment of the Consortium a web site will be designed. Mike stated that the Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium has a very nice site and that Allegheny Graphics was the designer of the site. Since they are an approved vendor we can use them. The website address for Armstrong is <http://www.armstrongmfg.org>. A volunteer is needed to contact the Allegheny Graphics.

Coordinator for the Consortium the coordinator would assist in grant writing. A new position ad is going to be reviewed and posted.

Hosting Meetings and Company Tours – Gorell and Clark Metals are interested. The Tours would be in combination of the regular meeting and timeframe.

Bob from Beckwith is being transferred to Murrysville. He has provided the contact information for his replacement, Rich Joseph. Indiana County Career Link will be hosting an employer seminar on “Making the PA Career Link Website Work for You” it is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006 from 9 AM to 11 AM. The Annual Job Fair maybe scheduled for June 1st, but this may change because it is the same day as the Showcase for Commerce.

If you are interested in the listing of Computer-based Training through Synergy Contracting Services – go to their website at <http://www.groupsynergy.com>.

The proposed grant of \$120,000 will include the following areas of Lean Manufacturing, HR Certification, and Management/Supervisor Skills Certificate. The training areas will include 15 people in each area and 5 per consortium.

Interested Training areas discussed: *Supervisory/Leadership; *Basic Computer Skills; CADD/CAM; *Soldering; *Blue Print Reading; Welding; *Math in Manufacturing

Recap Action Items:

- Mary Soldering Information
- Bonita alternate date of Job Fair
- Mike will be contacting Paul Anselmo from New Century Careers to recap conversation and about any available training money.
- Nancy Excel training or website listing
- Updates to general membership list
- Membership dues need to be given to Jodie
- Future site visits – Gorell and Clark
- Jodie from Clark Metals needs to borrow an extra projector for 1 to 2 days
- Website Coordinator needed – contact Ellen for more information
- Other areas besides Training – Workers Compensation and Benefit Issues

Next Meeting:

Friday, March 17, 2006 at the Indiana Career Link at 7:30 a.m.