

Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2008

Attendees: Mike Rempel - Gorell
Ellen Starry – Gorell
Volker Valentin - Gorell
Don Barris – Elkin
Steve McPherson – MGK
Tom Petro – JJ Kennedy
Don Coleman – Cleveland Brothers
Debbie Zundel – Cleveland Brothers
Stephanie DiLeo – Homer City Automation
Bethany Lezanic-Smith – Breeze
Jim Cupp – Ardiem Medical

Lori Harvey – TCWIB
Jane Gardner - IUP
Kevin Lazor – Career Link
Carol Fry – ICTC
Mary Yarnal - ICTC
Dana Henry – Chamber of Commerce

TRAINING

Welding training

The indication was that the issue is not so much training facilities available, of the willingness to customize any programs, but the lack of participants. We need to focus on a marketing program to get more interest in the program. To that end, Steve has a contact that did their video on welding and provide it to Lori who will pass it on to Kevin Trufta to see if they can work out a deal to use it put together some promotional items.

Shared Training

Mike indicated that the shared training for the tri-county area will be based on the following topics:

- Best practices for going green
- Quick & Easy Kaizen
- HR Law
- Welding

CNC training

Is there a need for it within our group?

There was interest from MGK and Cleveland Brothers, and possibly Clark Metals. Mike will forward that information on to Jim Ferguson in Butler.

Reimbursement Program

IUP MBA Certificate – there was general discussion on the topic. Mike will recap and send out notes to all interested.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Manufacturing Promotion Ideas

ABEL

Job Shadowing

FullPhil Your Future Program

6 weeks

Job shadowing

4 hour program

Feb 2nd kickoff

ABEL is very involved in and has an existing program like this. Mike will contact Mary Yarnal to get more details.

January EXPO 2009

Mike requested assistance is staffing our booth for the January 17th event at the Indiana Mall

Festival of Lights

Mike provided details of what is happening with Elkin and suggested that other members consider doing the same with their employees to promote the festival of lights

CONSORTIUM DEVELOPMENT

Work Certified

Kevin provided details on program success:

7/1/07 to 6/30/08 – 79 participants, 47 hired, 27 still searching, \$9.16 avg. rate

7/1/08 to present – 30 participants, 8 hired, 21 still searching, \$9.75 avg. rate

Dennis Burnside

The chamber is working in conjunction with a firm to determine the feasibility of attracting various companies into our area. Dennis did a presentation of what he is doing with our area and will look for more information from our members on what types of companies would be best for our members.