



LaPorte County **WORKS!**

LaPorte County WORKS! honors the many businesses who call LaPorte County home. We aim to highlight our local businesses, their products, services, and history because they contribute to making our county the premiere place to work, live, and play. We want to ensure that LaPorte County people who are seeking a new career, a better job or an opportunity for success can look no further than the many great employers right here in beautiful LaPorte County, Indiana.

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Sullivan

Palatek

AIR COMPRESSORS

Sullivan-Palatek, Inc.

- Founded in 1984.
- Located at 1201 W US Hwy 20, Michigan City, IN.
- Considered one of the leaders within the air compressor equipment manufacturing industry. Their products are used in the following industries: Pharmaceutical, automotive, construction, food, and beverage, drilling and mining, sandblasting, and coating, oil and gas, and plastics to name a few.
- Privately held, family-owned company currently employs 149 people. They are actively hiring for entry level positions starting at \$15.00 per hour with administrative and production positions ranging from \$30,000-\$50,000 annually.
- Boasts an average length of service of 6.5 years, with many staff exceeding 20 years. The company is family oriented providing a clean and orderly environment. In addition, company management believes in promoting from within.
- Sponsors sporting events for the employees, employee appreciation awards, and company picnics.
- Applications can be found on their site under Careers or at this link <https://www.sullivan-palatek.com/careers/>.

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Sims Meat Processing Inc.

- Located at 6961 South 3rd Line Road in Kingsbury Industrial Park.
- Founded in 2008 by the dynamic husband-wife team of Craig and Sabrina Sims who have grown their business incrementally for the past 13 years.
- The family-owned business specializes in the custom meat processing of beef, pork, lamb and chicken which contains no added hormones or antibiotics; meat is cut and dry-aged.
- Retail business hours are Monday through Friday from 9-5pm.
- Currently Sims Meats employs 13 employees.
- The Sims family has just completed a 3,000 ft. expansion project that added retail space and additional space for processing.
- With this investment in increased space, there is a need for entry level employees starting at \$15.00 per hour with a possible 2nd shift in the future.
- For new employees with meat experience, positions may start at \$20.00 per hour with higher wages based on experience.
- The company is very interested in hiring high school students who are interested in full or part-time work experience while learning a skilled trade.
- Sims Meat Processing may be reached by calling 219-393-1000 or by visiting their website at simsmeats.com.
- They can be reached by email at simsmeats@simsmeats.com.

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OTECH CORP.

OTECH Corp.

- Incorporated in 1999
- Located at 4744 E Oaknoll Rd, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371
- OTECH Corporation is a leader in thermoplastic compounding and is one of the largest vinyl compounders in the Midwest. They develop, design, and custom manufacture high-quality specialty PVC compounds, thermoplastic elastomers and alloys used in electrical wire and cable, footwear, housewares, roofing, agricultural parts, and automotive industries.
- Have grown tremendously because of the way they treat their employees in a family atmosphere. Examples include: monthly luncheons for employees, benefits, promoting from within, and many other systems in place to make people happy and productive.
- Production positions start around \$15/hr., and after 60 days, they go up to \$16/hr.
- Administrative positions can earn between \$30,000-\$50,000 annually.
- Currently employ 90 employees with many entry level positions available.
- Applications can be found on their site under Careers or at this link <https://otechcompounds.com/careers/>.

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People...Products...Knowledge®

Helena Agri – Enterprises

- Established in La Porte County in 2012
- Located in Kingsbury Industrial Park at 1732 Hupp Road, La Porte, Indiana.
- Employs around 10 employees, although they employ 6000 people in over 500 branch locations.
- Helena is one of the leading AG solutions providers in the US, ranking near the top nationally in volume and sales for crop production products, fertilizer, custom application, seed and precision agriculture, turf management, industrial weed control, forestry, aquatics and more.
- Their focus is on helping customers be successful by employing a winning formula of dedicated and knowledgeable people, unique and useful products and the latest technical knowledge.
- At Helena, employees are like family supporting one another at work, at home and in the community.
- Their culture is intentional. creating a positive work environment that allows their employees to be high performers because they feel valued by their leaders and work team. The company believes that when their employees are treated well and feel cared for, their customers will thrive, and the business will grow.
- Helena is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work environment where all their employees feel safe and each person has the opportunity to succeed. They embrace diversity in both employees and customers.
- Helena was ranked one of the Best Places to Work for the 4th year in a row.
- Employee benefits include life insurance, dental, vision, medical, paid parental leave, disability and infertility benefits.
- Helena offers growth opportunities by reimbursing tuition costs to obtain a CDL license and for a chemical application license through at Purdue University.
- Helena makes donations to support local nonprofits and organizations such as the Farm Bureau and scholarships for the Future Farmers of America (FFA).
- Helena currently has numerous job openings for truck drivers, applicators and warehouse supervisors. If interested in employment opportunities, please visit <https://helenaagri.com/careers>.

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VANAIR[®]
MOBILE POWER SOLUTIONS[™]

Vanair Manufacturing, Inc

- Known originally as “Sullair PTO”, Vanair was founded as a division of Sullair Corporation in 1972. They became Vanair Manufacturing in 1984 and located to New Buffalo, Michigan. The company grew and in 1997, Ralph Kokot purchased Vanair. In 2008, Vanair moved into its new building in LaPorte County, Indiana.
- Vanair continued to grow and expand its facility to its current production and office space of over 160,000 square feet.
- Vanair Manufacturing is now located at 10896 West 300 North, Michigan City, Indiana.
- Vanair has over 50 years of experience providing the best-in-class products, installation and service training.
- Vanair offers a comprehensive line of mobile power solutions in the industry. Their products include a wide variety of air compressors, generators, welders, battery chargers, battery boosters, and engine starters.
- Vanair is an engineering – driven company, known for its problem-solving capabilities to meet the customer demands.
- They currently employ 170 people with open positions including:
 - Service Technician
 - Parts Packer
 - Regional Sales Manager
 - Assembler
 - Drafter
 - Electrical Engineer
- Vanair offers a competitive salary and an average wage of \$25.00 per hour, including a benefit package that includes medical, dental, and vision insurance, matching 401K, and paid vacation, holidays, and wellness time.
- Interested and qualified candidates should send their resume to hr@vanair.com. A complete list and qualifications for positions at Vanair can be found at <https://www.vanair.Com>. Scroll down to “careers” to fill out an application.



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