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LaPorte County Works! - Helena Agri – Enterprises

****LaPorte County Commission Continues to Highlight Local Businesses During
Commission Meeting****



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(La Porte County, IN): On Wednesday, November 17, 2021, LaPorte County Commissioner Sheila Matias completed another showcase of a local company in the business series called *LaPorte County Works!*, which focuses on high-impact local manufacturers who are flourishing and growing in our county.

“Families all over the county struggled during the pandemic, and we are so lucky to have employers within our county that have good jobs and good wages that benefits both their employees and the community. *LaPorte County WORKS!* is a way of honoring the many businesses who call LaPorte County home. We highlight local businesses and industries so citizens of all ages and skill sets know they can find a job, grow their careers and earn a good living right here in LaPorte County. These companies are supporting family-wage jobs right here in our communities. I hope that by highlighting local companies’ products, services, and opportunities, people will learn more about these jobs and good career opportunities very close to home; these companies are part of what makes our county a great place to work, live and raise our families. We want to make sure that LaPorte

County residents who are looking for a new career, a better job or a better opportunity can look no further than the many great employers right here in beautiful LaPorte County, Indiana.” stated Commissioner Matias.

Commissioner Sheila Matias has been using her time under Commissioner Comments at Commission meetings for this business report so that our citizens know they can not only “Shop Local” but also “Work Local!” At the October 6, 2021 meeting, Commissioner Matias began her showcase with Sullivan-Palatek Inc., an air compressor equipment manufacturing company founded in 1984. At the October 20, 2021 Commission meeting, the Commissioner presented Sims Meat Processing Inc., a growing family-owned company founded in 2008 that specializes in custom meat processing; they are currently hiring. At the November 3, 2021 meeting, the Commissioner highlighted OTECH Corporation, a local leader in thermoplastic compounding since 1999.

“It is our hope that LaPorte County Works! boosts visibility of our local companies so that they can fill open positions with motivated, hardworking, and successful applicants!” said Tony Rodriguez, Director of the La Porte County Office of Community and Economic Development.

Summary of Recent *LaPorte County Works!* Highlights:

Sullivan-Palatek Inc. – October 6, 2021

Sullivan-Palatek Inc. is a family-owned air compressor equipment manufacturing company founded in 1984. LaPorte County has nearly a century of compressed air manufacturing technology innovations benefitting this industry cluster. Sullivan-Palatek Inc. is actively hiring for entry level positions starting at \$15.00 per hour with administrative and production positions ranging from \$30,000-\$50,000 annually. The company is family oriented providing a clean and orderly environment that closely resembles some of the most high-tech manufacturers in the world today. In addition, the company’s management believes in promoting from within. Sullivan-Palatek Inc 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/>.

Sim’s Meat Processing Inc. – October 20, 2021

Sim's Meat Processing Inc. is a family-owned meat processing business run by Craig and Sabrina Sims in Kingsbury Industrial Park. Sims was founded in 2008, and they have 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 also be reached by email at simsmeats@simsmeats.com.

OTECH Corporation – November 3, 2021

OTECH was founded by Jack O'Donnell as a corporation with an emphasis on innovation and exceptional customer service. OTECH is a leader in thermoplastic compounding and is one of the largest vinyl compounders in the Midwest. OTECH develops, designs, and custom-manufactures high-quality specialty PVC compounds, thermoplastic elastomers and alloys used in electrical wire and cable, footwear, and other important items. OTECH has 90 employees with many entry level positions currently available. The company has seen consistent growth and credits their success on their focus on fair treatment of employees and a cohesive family environment in the workplace. Production positions start at \$15/hour; after 60 days, pay may increase to \$16/hr. Administrative positions can earn between \$30,000-\$50,000 annually. Applications can be found on the company's website: <https://otechcompounds.com/careers/>.

This Week's Highlighted Manufacturer:

Helena Agri – Enterprises – November 17, 2021

Helena Agri – Enterprises was established in La Porte County in 2012 and is located in Kingsbury Industrial Park at 1732 Hupp Road La Porte Indiana. Helena is one of the nation's foremost agronomy solutions providers. Their products and services include: Crop Protection Products, Fertilizer and fertilizer Application Services, and software. They also offer their own line of products. Benefits include life insurance, dental, vision, medical, paid parental leave, and disability and infertility

benefits. They also offer employees the opportunity to grow with the Company by reimbursing tuition costs to obtain a CDL license and for chemical application license obtained at Purdue University. They have numerous job openings for truck drivers, applicators and warehouse supervisors. If interested in employment, please visit <https://helenaagri.com/careers>.

To view more information, visit www.laportecounty.in.gov and click on the moving news ticker at the top of the page. To have your business considered for a spotlight, sign up [here](#). For questions, please contact Tony Rodriguez, Director of LaPorte County Community & Economic Development at trodriguez@laporteco.in.gov.