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LaPorte County Works!

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

(La Porte County, IN): On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, LaPorte County Commissioner Sheila Matias showcased another local company in a new business series called *LaPorte County Works!* which focuses on high-impact local manufacturers who are flourishing and growing in our county.

“The pandemic made the last few years tough on everyone and so it’s more important than ever to focus on what’s good about our county—good jobs, good wages, and good futures right here.

“*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 20, 2021, commission meeting, for example, Commissioner Matias presented Sims Meat Processing Inc., a growing family-owned company founded in 2008 that specializes in custom meat processing; they are currently hiring. This week at the November 3, 2021, meeting, Matias highlighted OTECH Corporation, a local leader in thermoplastic compounding.

“We simply could not be prouder of the caliber and quality of these entrepreneurial manufacturers who are investing here, employing LaPorte County people while they compete on the global economic stage from right here in LaPorte County,” stated Tony Rodriguez, Director of the 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.

This Week's Highlighted Manufacturer:

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/>.

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