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LaPorte County WORKS! – E-PAK Machinery, Inc.

** Commission President Highlights Leading Local Manufacturer Of In-Line Liquid Packaging Machinery **





(LaPorte County, IN): At the LaPorte County Commissioners' meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, Commission President Sheila Matias focused the LaPorte County WORKS! business report on E-PAK Machinery Inc., a manufacturing company based in LaPorte, IN.

"The LaPorte County Office of Community and Economic Development's LaPorte County WORKS! program is another exceptional business retention tool designed to assist our local LaPorte County employers. This program showcases our existing local employers and their job openings in a public setting for all to hear. In addition, our business retention and expansion programs provide our local businesses with assistance in other business areas such as international trade, business expansion tax abatements, and assistance with federal, state and local governmental regulations to name a few. We are the ombudsman for local business, and we look forward to hearing from interested companies who may benefit from our services," stated Mike Seitz, IOM, Business Retention Manager of the LaPorte County Office of Community and Economic Development.

"It's a fresh start to a new year, and that means new job opportunities are available at many local companies, including E-PAK Machinery Inc., Enprotech Industrial Technologies, and LaPorte County



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Government! Whether you have 20 plus years of experience or you are fresh out of high school or college, good jobs are in abundance in LaPorte County. We are home to a diverse array of businesses with great benefits, good wages, and positive working environments. There's no time like the present to kick off the new year with a better job; we hope you will take advantage of these opportunities whether you are looking for a good first job experience or a new career pathway," stated Commissioner Matias.

The LaPorte County WORKS! program is getting positive feedback from both local businesses interested in the program and job seekers interested in these open positions. "Please let us know if you are interested in having your local business highlighted. LaPorte County WORKS! spotlights the many businesses who call LaPorte County home. This business retention program was designed to better understand your business needs and any obstacles you might be facing-we want to help! Each company has such a unique story on how they got to where they are, what drives them to be successful, and how they help their local communities-such rich local stories to share with the community! This program highlights open jobs so folks of all ages and skill sets can find a job, grow their careers, and earn a good living right here in LaPorte County," concluded Matias.

This week, Commissioner Matias focused this business spotlight on **E-PAK Machinery Inc.**, a local manufacturing company in the in-line liquid packaging industry, which is currently undergoing an expansion that will add additional jobs to their facility.

Past spotlights of the *LaPorte County WORKS!* program include Enprotech Industrial Technologies, Alexander Chemical, Sims Meat Processing, Sullivan-Palatek and Vanair.

This Week's Highlighted Local Business:

E-PAK Machinery, Inc. – January 19, 2022

E-PAK Machinery, Inc., an industry leading manufacturer of in-line liquid packaging machinery, was founded in 2001 and is located at 1535 South State Road 39 in La Porte Indiana. E-PAK produces a wide variety of manual, semi-automatic and fully automatic machines for filling, capping, plugging, labeling, date coding and bottle handling solutions. E-PAK provides filling machines for: food products & sauces, bottled water, still beverages, janitorial & cleaning supplies, industrial &



agricultural chemicals, petroleum & automotive products, acid & corrosive products, cosmetic & personal care products, and pharmaceutical products to name a few.

Tony Swedersky, E-PAK's president, reflected on the company's 20th Anniversary by saying, "We started out with a philosophy of listening to our customers, delivering a quality product and providing attentive customer service before and after the sale. Our founding beliefs remain our top priority today 20 years later. Because of that, our company remains viable, strong and growing." E-PAK Machinery is currently going through an expansion phase that will add an additional 26,000 sq. feet to their 47,000 square foot facility; this will allow the retention of the 54 employees currently working there with the plan to add an additional 10 jobs ranging from entry level to skilled level position. The company offers competitive wage, health benefits, paid vacation, 401K with match, and first shift positions. If you are interested in a career at E-PAK, you may obtain an application for employment at epakmachinery.com/careers/.

"We are happy to highlight E-PAK in our LaPorte County WORKS! program. This program provides solid focus on business retention. It's great to show how the LaPorte County Office of Community and Economic Development directly interfaces with our local businesses to help out with expansions and other business challenges. Finding great employees can be one of those challenges so we are happy to be of help in this area as well. We encourage local companies to reach out to us at either through the county web site on the LaPorte County WORKS! page or directly via email. These companies are supporting family-wage jobs, and it is my hope that people will learn about career opportunities very close to home," stated Tony Rodriguez, Director of LaPorte County Community & Economic Development

To view more information about the businesses highlighted in the *LaPorte County WORKS!* program, visit us at <u>laporteco.in.gov/boards-commissions/laporte-county-works/</u>. To have your business considered for a spotlight, sign up <u>here</u>. For questions, please contact Tony Rodriguez, Director of LaPorte County Community & Economic Development at <u>trodriguez@laporteco.in.gov</u>.