



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 and are located in Kingsbury Industrial Park at 1732 Hupp Road La Porte Indiana.
- Employs over 6000 employees that work throughout their 500 branch locations.
- Helena is one of the nation's foremost agronomy solutions providers. They rank 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 products and services include: Crop Protection Products, Fertilizer and fertilizer Application Services, and software. They also offer their own line of products.
- Their goal is to help its customers succeed. This is achieved with a unique combination of dedicated and knowledgeable people, unique and useful products and the latest technical knowledge.
- At Helena, you are family. Their employees take care of each other and support each other at work and in their personal life. Their family-like atmosphere creates a positive work environment that allows their employees to be high-performers because they feel comfort and compassion from their leader and work team.
Their family-like culture is centered on their successful business model - "People...Products...Knowledge." "People" being the first for good reason. They believe that when their employees are treated right and feel cared for, their customers thrive and the business grows.
- They are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work environment where all their employees feel safe, valued and have the opportunity to succeed. They embrace different backgrounds and human experiences because their customers are also diverse.
- Helena was ranked one of the Best Places to Work for the 4th year in a row.
- Benefits include life insurance, dental, vision, medical, paid parental leave, and disability and infertility benefits.
- Offers 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>.

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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 Michigan City.
- 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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Enprotech Industrial Technologies

- Enprotech Industrial Technologies was established in La Porte, Indiana at 3234 North Indiana State Road 39 in La Porte, Indiana in 2001 in order to expand and better serve steel industry customers in our region.
- They have over 60 years of experience in designing, manufacturing and repairing manufacturing equipment for the steel manufacturing and aluminum manufacturing industries
- Enprotech is one of the largest providers of repairs, rebuild services and new press manufacturing services for metal stamping, metal forming and metal forging equipment in North America. The company is also a leading supplier of repair, rebuilding and new equipment for the steel manufacturing industry.
- They currently employ 26 employees with wages between \$25.00 to \$34.00 per hour.
- Attracting good people and keeping them is essential to the success of the company. The company attracts talented, qualified professionals and provides them with opportunities for advancement in all aspects of their professional lives.
- The company offers the following benefits, health plans, Blue Cross & Blue Shield Medical Plans, Cigna Dental Plans, Blue Cross & Blue Shield vision Plan, 401K Plan, Life Insurance, Short- and Long-Term Disability Plans, paid vacations and holidays.
- The company has openings for:
 - *Welder (night and day)*
 - *Machine Disassembly*
 - *Manual Machinist Boring Mill*
 - *Mechanical assembly*
 - *CNC Mill Machinist (night)*
 - *Class B Driver (local)*
 - *Shipping and Receiving Coordinator*
 - *Millwright*
 - *Project Manager*
- The wage rate for these positions also ranges from \$25.00 to \$34.00 per hour.
- To review and apply for these jobs, go to <https://www.enpromech.com/careers/> and click on the 'Apply Now' button.



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Alexander Chemical Corporation

- In 1950, Alexander Maley founded the Alexander Chemical Corporation. In 1959, Alexander Chemical Corporation became the Chemical Division of North American Car Corporation.
- The blending of all the right elements enabled Alexander Chemical to grow its product line, and in 1985 they first opened their doors at the now consolidated facility at 7593 S. First Road in Kingsbury, Indiana with the purchase of Cardinal Chemical Corporation.
- Alexander Chemical Corporation is a leader in the water purification industry that supplies industrial gasses and chlor-alkali products to major chemical and petroleum companies, pharmaceuticals, industrial users, and municipalities throughout the Midwest.
- Alexander Chemical is also an industry leading supplier of industrial gasses to a wide range of industries such as the pulp paper, steel, and agricultural industries.
- The reason why Alexander continues to be a leader in the industry is because of their tireless dedication to safety and employee education.
- Alexander Chemical has a transportation arm, Circle Transport, Inc., with an extensive fleet which allows them the opportunity to offer safe and dependable transportation of their products to their customers.
- Their trucks are equipped with specialized equipment and unloading configurations to assure efficient and safe transport of products to receiving sites. From order placement to the final shipment, Alexander Chemical Corporation is committed to the singular goal of customer satisfaction in the safe use and the handling of its products.
- They are a privately held company with a total of 62 employees for both Alexander Chemical and Circle Transport, of which 38 are union positions, with an average wage of \$29.50 per hour.
- Alexander Chemical is proud to offer many different paths to those who want to build a career in the chemical industry.
- They offer competitive wages, union benefits with a 401(K) with company matches, and competitive paid time off.
- For more information on ACC's markets, products, and services, please visit <https://www.alexanderchemical.com/>.
- To review the open positions at Alexander Chemical and Circle Transport, Inc. please go to <https://www.alexanderchemical.com/careers/>. Send your resume to recruitment@alexchem.com.



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Alexander Chemical Corporation Markets

As an industry leader in the chemical water purification field and chemical distribution industry, Alexander Chemical provides Chlor-alkali products and industrial gases to a wide range of business sectors, including:





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- 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.
- The company is led by the original founding executives and has maintained its privately-held ownership throughout its history. This has allowed E-PAK Machinery to control key strategic and business decisions that have ensured a consistent focus on meeting and exceeding specific needs of its customers.
- 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.”
- Produce 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.
- Currently going through an expansion that will add an additional 26,000 sq. feet to their 47,000 square foot facility that will retain the 54 employees currently working and will 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 <https://www.epakmachinery.com/careers/>.
- E-PAK Machinery has reached an exciting milestone as the company celebrates 20 years of manufacturing innovative and versatile liquid packaging solutions to a variety of industries including:

E-PAK Provides Filling Machines For:

Food Products & Sauces	Acid & Corrosive Products
Bottled Water	Cosmetic & Personal Care Products
Still Beverage	Pharmaceutical Products
Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies	Paint, Stain & Sealant/Sealing Products
Industrial & Agricultural Chemicals	Candles & Molten Products
Petroleum & Automotive Products	CBD Oil Products
	E-liquids & E-Juices



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SECURALL®

**A & A Sheet
Metal Products, Inc.**

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- A & A Sheet Metal Products / Securall was founded in 1964 as a manufacturer of high- quality safety products.
- The company is a 3rd generation family-owned company with a proud history of longevity for its valued employees. Their motto: We do not offer jobs but careers.
- Located at 5122 N State Road 39, La Porte, IN, A & A Sheet Metal Products is the manufacturer of the Securall brand of storage products including containers used for flammable, corrosive, industrial, and pesticide storage as well as containers for paint, laboratory and hazardous waste, oxygen gas cylinder storage equipment, and various custom applications. The company additionally manufactures tornado shelters, explosive storage magazines, & commercial or tornado-rated doors.
- Their customers include NASA, Space X, Microsoft, Hershey, Intel, Disney, and all branches of the military service, among many others.
- A & A Sheet Metal Products is committed to quality which is reflected in all workmanship and products. The A & A/Securall team maintains knowledge and understanding of the latest codes and regulations, which dictate the use and build-design of safety storage products. Their products are manufactured using the highest quality materials, including high grade steel and commercial quality hardware. Every product is designed with a focus on detail.
- The company has a total of 80 employees with a wide salary range. The company offers a 99% employer-funded health care coverage, supplemental eye and dental coverage, and optional life insurance.
- The company has approximately 20 current open positions. Entry level positions have a starting pay of \$17. Persons with experience in vocational positions such as welders, material handlers, CNC machine operators, etc. may apply at a higher starting wage depending on experience level and position. On-the-job training is available.
- For further information for employment, please contact Human Resources at 219-326-7890.



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Filtration ^{Plus} Inc

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- Located at 4208 N. 900 West. Michigan City, IN 46360, Filtration Plus Inc. is a manufacturer of high-quality micron rated liquid filter bags & bag filter housings.
- They have over 20 years in business and are one of the largest filter bag manufacturers in America. All of their products are manufactured in America, and they are dedicated to providing excellent customer service and high-quality products.
- Their customers deal in water treatment, plating, and chemical manufacturing industries and include: Hormel, Tyson, Gatorade, and Campbells Soup.
- They are an independently operated “sister company” to Filter Technology Inc., located in Chicago, IL, which is owned by Herman Hertsberg.
- Filtration Plus employs 17 people, and the factory staff have starting wages of \$15.00 an hour.
- They offer 401k, complimentary life insurance and health insurance. The company pays half the premiums for dental and another health insurance plan. All major holidays are paid along with 1-week paid vacation after specific years of employment.
- Filtration Plus has a very family-oriented atmosphere. Due to the number of different materials, filters and application, employment here stays interesting. The company is competitive in wages and benefits with the shift from 6:00am-2:00 pm.
- They currently have openings for seamstresses and are willing to train applicants. They also have openings for material spreaders, bag assemblers, and general utility / labor. All positions start at \$15.00 an hour.
- Applications are available in their lobby. Once filled out, applications and resumes can then be dropped off at their plant. Reach out to Filtration Plus through their website: <http://www.filtplus.com/contact.html>.



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peepers
by peeperspecs®

Sammann Company / Peepers

- Sammann Company is a fourth-generation, family-owned spectacle company founded originally in 1908 as a screen cloth and hardware provider. They then founded Peepers Reading Glasses by PeepersSpecs.com in 1993.
- They are currently located at 9935 E. U.S. Hwy 12 Michigan City, IN 46360.
- The Sammann Company/Peepers currently employs 80 people with a salary range between \$40,000 to \$80,000 and an hourly wage rate between \$19.00 to \$20.00 per hour. The company offers employees major medical, 401K, disability insurance dental and eye care insurance.
- Peepers offers employees a clean, state of the art facilities that is climate controlled. The facility also maintains a full exercise room for the employees.
- Alec Sammann, who serves as company president, encourages company pride in his employees and focuses on ensuring that Peepers is their employment of choice.
- Today, the company creates stylish, optical quality reading glasses and sunglasses that are on style for each season!
- Of note is that the Peepers' Center Stage sunglasses has made the Oprah's Favorite Things Lists for four consecutive years. They are sold at Peepers.com, optical stores, and grocery stores.
- Peepers has also been named the best place to work in the State of Indiana for four years. In addition, from 2013-2020, Peepers has been honored as one of Inc. 5000's fastest growing companies due to their 162%¹ growth in the past few years.
- If interested in employment, please go to the Peepers' home page at <http://www.peepers.com/pages/careers>.

¹ Joseph S. Pete, "Peepers experiencing rapid growth in Michigan City," *NWITimes.com*. The Times, August 18, 2020, https://www.nwitimes.com/business/local/peepers-experiencing-rapid-growth-in-michigan-city/article_07466a69-f9ca-52dd-8336-6e25160d00c1.html. (Accessed 13 March 2022).



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History:

Paul E. Sammann started the company importing screen cloth and other hardware from China. In 1943, Mr. Sammann had two offices, one in China and one in Japan. In 1943, during World War II, he closed both offices and moved the company to New York. In 1944, Mr. Sammann moved the company to Chicago and added shears and cutlery to the lines of imported goods.

Paul N. Sammann purchased the company from his father, and in 1988 purchased See Aid Optical thus expanding in the eye care industry. The Peepers brand was founded in 1993 when Paul's wife, Terri, could find only ugly "readers" in the marketplace. Peepers started with one frame style and six colors of fashionable readers. Peepers was then introduced to the world through the internet in 1996. In January 2012, the Sammann Company was purchased by the 4th generation of owners, Alex and Lindsay Sammann. In 2015, Peepers built 10,000 square feet addition to accommodate 30 new work spaces. A new showroom, kitchen, breakrooms and a gym were added in 2016. In May 2019, Peepers headquarters added a massive expansion of a 30,000 square foot distribution center in Michigan City.



We are family

PEEPERS IS A 4TH GENERATION FAMILY RUN COMPANY THAT IS CONTINUOUSLY REINVENTING THE SPECTACLE, AND WE HAVE FUN DOING IT!

Our company began with a quest to find upbeat eyewear, and that light-hearted spirit is embedded in everything we do. From our unique designs to a caring customer experience, our family's legacy is dedicated to the pursuit of fashion as its most fun.