



Plastics packaging producer to locate in Marion

Oct. 30, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from plastics packaging producer TriEnda LLC to announce the company's plans to locate a manufacturing operation in the former Thomson Manufacturing center in Marion, creating more than 340 new jobs by 2012.

The maker and distributor of thermoformed plastic pallets, trays and materials handling and packaging products plans to invest more than \$20 million to site a 200,000-square-foot manufacturing and distribution center at the former center in the northeast Indiana city.

"Even in a bad national and world economy, Indiana keeps taking steps forward. We're so pleased that TriEnda chose Indiana for this new facility. Bringing this once thriving manufacturing center back to life is phenomenal news for the community and our state," said Daniels.

Founded in 1975, the Wisconsin-headquartered company plans to begin hiring machine operators, finishers, warehouse technicians, automation specialists, supervisors and office staff immediately in preparation for production beginning at the site in December.

"The demand for our products continues to increase, and finding a location to site an additional production facility was essential to ensure we keep pace with the continued growth," said Curt Zamec, president and owner of TriEnda LLC. "After conducting a nationwide search, we found the ideal location here in Marion and look forward to starting production soon."

The company's offering of more than 100 different heavy- to light-duty shipping containers and packaging materials in addition to its custom designed products has allowed the company to become an international supplier of shipping products for clients in the automotive, agriculture, government, grocery food processing and textile industries. In 2007, the company exported products to Western Europe, Canada, Mexico and Australia in addition to its North American sales.

Indiana receives \$57 million in disaster assistance to help local governments with costs of recovery

October 27, 2008- Governor Mitch Daniels has been notified that Indiana will receive an additional \$57 million in disaster assistance funding from the federal government for the state's long-term recovery efforts from severe storms and flooding that struck last summer.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the additional allocation to 15 states impacted by storms and flooding. Indiana had previously received \$10 million in funding bringing the total now to \$67 million.

Daniels contacted U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Steve Preston and met with Office of Management and Budget Director Jim Nussle on a recent trip to Washington, D.C. to ensure Indiana received a fair share of the congressionally appropriated funds.

"Our efforts to ensure Indiana received our fair share of these critical federal funds was successful. I'm encouraged by how much progress is being made in the recovery effort," said Daniels.



Oct. 30, 2008— Governor Daniels joined Grant Co. residents to celebrate TriEnda's decision to locate in the former Thomson facility in Marion.

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Governor announces plan to help communities with foreclosure, abandoned home problems

October 27, 2008— Governor Mitch Daniels has announced the state has developed a plan that will distribute \$84 million to help cities and towns across Indiana buy abandoned or foreclosed homes, demolish or redevelop vacant properties and help low- and moderate-income home buyers purchase properties in an effort to revitalize communities with the most need.

"No state has acted more directly to help homeowners at risk than Indiana by cutting average property taxes by more than a third, directly reducing mortgage payments," said Daniels. "Now, we'll get these new funds to Hoosiers who need them the most and to residents interested in buying otherwise empty homes."

The federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds are Indiana's share of \$3.92 billion appropriated to all 50 states and more than 250 cities and counties to assist with national foreclosure problems. In all, the state will receive about \$152 million; \$68 million of the total is being distributed directly by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Indiana cities and towns.

The state has proposed using the remaining \$84 million in two targeted ways: \$45 million for local units of government to assist with neighborhood redevelopment needs, and \$30.4 million that would be maintained in a fund that would be made available to low- and moderate-income individuals and families who choose to purchase abandoned and foreclosed homes.

The state's plan will be submitted to HUD by December 1 and will be posted on the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) Web site for public comment for at least two weeks before it is submitted.

"We want communities to develop programs that will be meaningful and make a positive difference, and we will show preference to cities and towns that are not receiving a direct federal share," Daniels said.

According to the plan, communities would submit applications to IHCDA, with priority given to those with the greatest need based on concentration of foreclosures and abandoned properties, the prevalence of subprime and high-cost mortgages, and the risk of continued community destabilization because of existing mortgage defaults and delinquencies. The IHCDA will issue a request for proposals during the first week of December, if the plan is approved by HUD.



October 22, 2008— Governor Daniels helped break ground on an expansion project of State Road 14 in Fort Wayne.



October 22, 2008— Governor Daniels helped break ground on the Hoosier Heartland Highway in Lafayette..



October 22, 2008- Governor Daniels met Lee Botts at an announcement in Hammond that the state would join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in a joint effort for environmental restoration of the Grand Calumet River.

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