MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of KCDC is to be the catalyst and leader for collaborations, programs, and strategies that promote a strong business climate through a proactive working partnership with government, business, entrepreneurs, education, nonprofits, and the community at large.
KNOX COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Established in 1981, KCDC has a 51-member board who are actively involved in the recruitment, expansion and retention of businesses. In addition to a strong partnership with the City of Vincennes and Knox County government, KCDC has over 150 private members that help fund economic development efforts.

KCDC’S STRATEGIC GOALS:

- **Economic Development**: “Increase economic competitiveness, stability, diversity, and quality.”
- **Entrepreneurship & Innovation**: “Create an entrepreneurial ecosystem for connectedness, innovation, and a supportive culture to achieve self-sustaining business development.”
- **Talent**: “Cultivate a skilled workforce by increasing the development and training pipeline and attracting new talent into Knox County.”
- **Quality of Place**: “Develop and market the region as an attractive location for a variety of families, incomes, and ages.”

US HIGHWAY 41 INDUSTRIAL PARK

KCDC has 157 “Gold Shovel Ready” acres certificated by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and an additional 53 acres ideal for a mini park in the US Highway 41 Industrial Park. Futuba Indiana of America (a Tier 1 supplier to Toyota Indiana) has grown their production and now employs over 600 associates. Farbest Foods, Inc went into production in 2014 with their state-of-the-art turkey processing facility which was an $84 million investment and now employs over 445 associates. In 2015, MacAllister, an Indiana-based and family-owned business, purchased 12.29 acres in the US 41 Industrial Park and are now in full operation with their heavy equipment, rental, shoring, and compact construction equipment business divisions. KCDC’s combined industrial parks represent approximately 9.60% of the total workforce (18,303 employed) in Knox County. KCDC and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) partner to provide attractive incentives for new or expanding businesses in Knox County.

VINCENTES UNIVERSITY

VU is Indiana’s first college, founded in 1801, as well as a trailblazer in introducing the two-year college model to America. VU is a key training partner with Governor Holcomb’s NextLevel Job Initiative. A strong partner with business and industry, VU helps bridge the skills gap in the workforce by flexibly addressing the needs of employers. This is particularly true in addressing the “middle-skills gap” thanks to VU programs in advanced manufacturing, distribution and logistics, and the skilled trades. Building on its strengths, VU helps move Indiana forward by establishing partnerships with companies statewide, such as Toyota Indiana, Subaru of Indiana, Jasper Engines & Transmissions, Kimball International, Lincoln Electric, and John Deere. These customized programs have led to excellent curriculum-based partnerships leading to job placement rates of approximately 93 percent—with 90 percent of those taking students back to their hometowns. VU is also the leader in offering Early Colleges at high schools throughout the state in addition to its extensive dual credit programs that are offered at very affordable rates while students are still in high school. VU is proud of its distinction of offering the most affordable tuition and fees among all Indiana residential colleges.

KNOX COUNTY WORKFORCE & EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

This partnership includes VU, all 3 public K-12 schools and 1 private K-12 school collaborating with several of our top industries/businesses and largest employers. This advisory council is focusing effort and strategy around enhancing the career, technical and vocational skills and implementing education and industry partnerships through internships for high school students. We sponsor an “Opportunity Knox” manufacturing tour of opportunity event in October geared to expose students and parents to the career opportunities in manufacturing. Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) is an innovative program that partners all four Knox County high schools with area businesses/entrepreneurs. The CEO program is totally funded by business investors/partners and teaches leadership, creativity, provides encouragement, and exposes the CEO students to multiple career opportunities. The selected students meet in a Knox County business daily from 7:30-9:00 am and partner/mentor with over 60 businesses in Knox County.

In addition, Knox County is part of Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce and an 8-county Regional Southwest Indiana Development Council focused on workforce development.

SUPERIOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Good Samaritan, a 232-bed regional community health care facility, has been delivering exceptional patient care in southwestern Indiana and southeastern Illinois since 1908. In July of 2015, Good Samaritan opened its new 240,000 SF Gibault Memorial Tower – boasting five stories that will enhance overall care for Knox and surrounding residents. The new tower is part of the facility’s $111 million BEACON project, which was completed in 2017. Good Samaritan is Knox County’s largest employer with over 2,000 associates and an estimated $134 million in annual payroll.

“A strong partnership between City and County is one of the most important ingredients necessary for a successful community! The City of Vincennes and the Knox County Development Corporation share the common goal of striving together for a unified community. New businesses, better roads, increased manufacturing and safer neighborhoods are just a few of the improvements resulting from Vincennes and Knox County both pulling in the same direction. By tapping the combined resources of the Knox County Development Corporation, Knox County and Vincennes City officials, the quality of living in our community has been tremendously improved!”

Joe Yochum
Vincennes Mayor
INVin is a business and arts innovation initiative regional hub for commerce. Newly formed and its historic downtown district makes it a vibrant & historic downtown Vincennes University.

Rogers Clark Memorial to Kimmell Park and that connect downtown Vincennes and George River Walk which includes walking and bike trails River, but the City of Vincennes also extended the no t only provides public access to the Wabash along the scenic Wabash River region. This $2.5 million revitalization of the historic Kimmell Park not only provides public access to the Wabash River, but the City of Vincennes also extended the River Walk which includes walking and bike trails that connect downtown Vincennes and George Rogers Clark Memorial to Kimmell Park and Vincennes University.

VIBRANT & HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Vincennes is part of the Main Street program and its historic downtown district makes it a regional hub for commerce. Newly formed INVin is a business an arts innovation initiative seeking entrepreneurs who wish to locate in historical properties in downtown Vincennes. Most recently, Pioneer Oil Company and Franklin Well Services, a five-generation-family-owned businesses, relocated their corporate headquarters to downtown Vincennes from Illinois. They totally repurposed a 35,000-SF building which was previously Hills Department Store into their corporate headquarters. Along with this renovation, they employ 40 administrative positions and an additional 200 Indiana-hired employees. Most recently, the Niehaus family renovated the previous New Moon Theater and opened Old Chicago’s Pizza & Taproom. This multi-million-dollar investment in downtown creates another positive transformation. An active TIF district, Federal Opportunity Zone, and Urban Enterprise Zone offer attractive incentives for potential investors to repurpose awesome historic buildings and lofts in downtown Vincennes.

THE PANTHEON BUSINESS THEATRE (PBT)

The City of Vincennes and Knox County Government have partnered and acquired the historic Pantheon Theatre and will be completing a major renovation that will refurbish and repurpose this facility into a co-working space and business incubator. With established alliances with Purdue University through Purdue Foundry @WestGate and Vincennes University, the PBT will house an Entrepreneur in Residence who will help foster new business startups, grow existing businesses, retain Knox County youth, recruit talent and business from outside of Knox County, and create an entrepreneurial ecosystem in southwestern Indiana. The PBT has broad-based community support through financial commitments, mentorships, leadership, and a strong desire for valuable growth.

EXCELLENT UTILITY PARTNERS

Knox County is fortunate to be the home base of Duke Energy’s state-of-the-art coal gasification power plant. This $3.6 billion investment known as the IGCC Power Plant in Knox County touts an internationally renowned facility which utilizes one of Knox and surrounding counties best natural resources, coal. The IGCC Power Plant came on line in 2013 and utilizes millions of tons of Indiana coal. Win Energy REMC and Hoosier Energy are also excellent economic partners who supply power to a large geography in southern Indiana and are the energy supplier for our US 41 Industrial Park. Natural gas is supplied by Vectren, and AT&T is the certified “fiber ready” primary telecommunications provider. In addition, Knox County has an abundant supply of water and a professionally administered utility services board through the City of Vincennes.

LOGISTICS & CONNECTIVITY

Knox County’s central location is key to distribution needs. US Highway 41 and CSX railroad run through Vincennes, and Mid-American International Air Center is conveniently located 16 miles to the west. In addition, Indiana has two east/west interstates and one north/south interstate all located within an hour’s drive of Knox County. Interstate 69 is 25 miles to the east. Interstate 64 is 37 miles to the south, and Interstate 70 is 57 miles to the north.
US 41 Industrial Park

KNOX COUNTY, INDIANA

- 53 “Shovel Ready” acres with 32 acres available for mini-business park development
- 157 State Certified “Gold Shovel Ready” contiguous, flat and developable acres

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA

Distance From/To Major Cities

- Evansville: 53 miles
- Terre Haute: 58 miles
- Port of Indiana: 70 miles
- Louisville: 112 miles
- Indianapolis: 123 miles
- St. Louis: 155 miles
- Cincinnati: 198 miles
- Nashville: 204 miles
- Chicago: 238 miles

Distance to Major Interstates

Located on US Highway 41
- Interstate 69 – 25 miles to the east
- Interstate 64 – 37 miles to the south
- Interstate 70 – 57 miles to the north

Distance to Air Traffic

- Mid-American Air Center – The Lawrenceville–Vincennes International Airport 5,200-foot runway – 16 miles
- Evansville Regional Airport – 45 miles
- Indianapolis International Airport – 110 miles

Distance to Rail

- CSX Located less than one mile

Distance to Water

- International port in Mount Vernon, IN along the Ohio River – 71 miles

STATE STRENGTHS

- Triple A Credit Rating
- Ranked #1 for Cost of Doing Business - America’s Top States for Business
- Low Workers’ Compensation Premiums & Low Unemployment Insurance Tax
- Right to Work
- No Inventory Tax
- Low Corporate Income Tax Rate
- Relocation & Expansion Incentives
- Capped Property Taxes
- NextLevel Job Incentives

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