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Reagent Chemical Expands Again

Rubber Lining of Over the Road Tanker-Trailers Added

Reagent Chemical and Research, Inc. has announced plans for yet another expansion in Starke County at their facility in Knox. The Company first came to Starke County in 2005, when it announced plans to locate its White Flyer Plant here. White Flyer is the world's largest manufacturer of target pigeons, used for sport and by the U.S. Military for training purposes. Shortly after its arrival, White Flyer doubled the size of the existing building that they had purchased by adding 50,000 square feet.

Then, in the fall of 2009, Reagent announced plans for a second expansion to construct a rail car facility where rubber lining is installed in new and used rail tank cars and general maintenance is performed on a portion of the Reagent fleet. That project included two new



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Sabre Manufacturing to Expand

Equipment Added to Newly-Acquired Buildings

Sabre Manufacturing LLC, the manufacturer of temporary environmental equipment known as "FRAC" tanks and "WEIR" tanks for the environmental and petroleum industries has announced their third expansion in Starke County since locating there in 2005. This most recent expansion will allow the Company to purchase and install new equipment in buildings they just acquired to the east of their current location. The total cost of this expansion will be in excess of \$1 million, and is expected to create an additional 25 jobs.



Sabre began in Starke County with the acquisition of an abandoned manufacturing plant that had been purchased by the Starke County Economic Development Foundation from the Starke County Commissioners following a tax sale. In 2008, Sabre doubled their facility

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buildings and the construction of 6,155 lineal feet of new rail on the Reagent site plus the City of Knox also added just under 1,000 lineal feet onto the Knox Lead Track.

This latest expansion will allow the installation of rubber lining in tanker-trailers belonging to the Reagent fleet, as well as allow general maintenance of its over-the-road fleet in a new 10,600 square foot facility. The total cost of this project will be in excess of \$1,000,000.

Company officials pointed to the existence of the Knox Lead Track and their working relationship with the Starke County Economic Development Foundation as primary reasons for their continued growth in Starke County.



**UPCOMING EVENTS
CALENDAR**

- October 1 Business Plan Writing Workshop . 3rd Session at Purdue Calumet Academic Learning Center in Crown Point from 9:00 . 12:00
- October 8 Business Plan Writing Workshop . 4th Session at Purdue Calumet Academic Learning Center in Crown Point from 9:00 . 12:00

More information is available on the NWSBDC website at <http://www.isbdc.org/location/northwest-isbdc/>

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and since that time have steadily increased employment up to the current level of 145.

The State of Indiana, acting through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered the Company incentives which included training grants from the Skills Enhancement Fund and Economic Development for a Growing Economy tax credits. The City of Knox has granted tax abatement to the Company as an additional incentive.

The Company has in the past acknowledged the efforts of SCEDF in not only helping them establish in the County, but also in helping them with their various needs over the years since. Company attorney Edward L. Volk recently said "It is fair to say that without the help of SCEDF, Sabre Manufacturing would not be here today and would not be poised to make this substantial investment in the City of Knox."

**Foundation to Hold
Prospectus and
Achievements Night**

First Robert E. Hamilton Award to be Given

The Starke County Economic Development Foundation has announced plans to hold a Prospectus and Achievements Night+ on November 10, 2011 at the Knox Community Center from 5:30 to 8:00 pm Central Time. At this event, SCEDF will update attendees on what has happened in Starke County on the economic development front in 2011. In addition, SCEDF will honor several local companies for expanding during the recent calendar year, as well as saluting those companies who have been in business in the county for 50 years or more. The evening will culminate with the awarding of the first Robert E. Hamilton Award, named in honor of the man who was the driving force behind the formation of SCEDF some 26 years ago. Hamilton died earlier this year but his hard work and dedication to creating jobs in Starke County continues to live on with the work of the Foundation he helped establish.