

West Tennessee Workforce Investment Board LWIA-11

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Upcoming WIA Events: March

- 4/3- Legislative Forum
- 4/9- SWHRA Executive Committee
- 4/17- WEOC; Henderson /Decatur
- 4/18- SWHRA Policy Council
- 4/19- WIA Directors Meeting
- 4/24- Administrative Professionals Day
- 4/25- WIA Board Meeting

Decatur County Selected for Manufacturing Facility



Decatur County Mayor Michael Smith addresses the crowd at the announcement that Infinity Laboratories, Inc. is coming to Decatur Co.

If all goes accordingly, Parsons and Decatur County will receive five for the price of one when Infinity Laboratories, Inc. opens for business in three months. Infinity, a Tennessee-based start-up company, will occupy 25,000 square feet of a county-owned building to house five businesses for manufacturing and production.

"The products include a tire sealant which will extend the life of a tire and makes a tire flat free," Infinity President Marty White said. "It's pre-treatment, and once you put the product in the tire, you can't have a flat."

White said Infinity will also produce duck decoys, hunting and fishing equipment, an environmental safe cleaning product, and in

2014, the company will begin production of a golf cart, which will use 80 percent less energy than any cart on the market. Originally from Louisiana, White said 11 sites were in the running for Infinity.

"Everything was in place...schools and the outdoors," White said. "There will be quite a bit of renovation to the building and our start-up budget is (approximately) \$1.7 million, but we'll be receiving some grants from the state and they will assist with the training." White said Infinity will initially employ 15.

"By the end of the year our work force should be 50-to-70," White said. "When we get all five going, which is a 24-to-36 month projection, we should have 300 employees."

Decatur County Chamber of Commerce President Charles Taylor said Infinity has leased approximately 25,000 square feet of the 80,000 square foot Decatur County Industrial Development Center building in Parsons. (story continued on pg. 2)

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“The facility was purchased by Decatur County in 2012 to use as a county maintenance facility and to utilize as an incubator facility to attract new industry to the area,” Taylor said. “(Infinity) is going to use 25,000 square feet and that leaves us with 45,000 square feet.”

Taylor sees Infinity as a good fit for the county and the area. “Two of their products have to do with hunting and fishing,” Taylor said. “And there is a lot of hunting and fishing going on in Decatur County.”

But Taylor stressed the importance of employment. “It’s all about the jobs,” Taylor said. “It begins with 15 jobs and that may not seem like a lot, but for a county the size of Decatur County, that’s big..”

(Story courtesy of The Jackson Sun; written by David Thomas, March 24, 2013)

WIA Staff Completes CDF Training.



WIA staff pictured from left to right. Bottom row: Fedtricia Barnes, Kim Hurley, and Betsy Pickler. Top row: Reid Barker, Su Therrell, and Lucy Locke. Not Pictured: Diana Bernard.

Seven members of the LWIA-11 Staff recently completed a five month Global Career Development Facilitator Training (GCDF) program. This nationally recognized certification was developed to provide standards, training specifications and credentialing for individuals providing career assistance.

The certification is awarded from the Center of Credentialing and Education, a corporate affiliate of the National Board of Certified Counselors, a leader in the professional credentialing field. The GCDF designates individuals working in a variety of career development settings.

A GCDF may serve as a career group facilitator, job search trainer, career resource coordinator, career coach, career development case manager, intake interviewer, occupational and labor market information resource person, and much more. The training took place in Memphis, for two days each month.

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Decatur County On-the-Job Training Sites

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They provide a level of craftsmanship and attention to detail that is not often found in products and services anymore.

They manufacture a wide variety of products ranging from industrial machines and components to retail items. In all area, they aim to be your manufacturing solution.

Their business model enables them to manufacture your parts at a great value, produce incredible quality, and do it with reliable service. They also have a full division that is committed to providing the very best tooling for the surface finishing industry. They also provide full service, top quality coatings from Plastisol to Powder Coating Services.



Located at 2121 N Tennessee Ave. in Parsons. AMTAC has several employees that are enrolled in LWIA 11's On-the-Job Training program.



McKenzie Tree Service, Inc. is located at 2141 Tennessee Ave. North in Parsons. Several employees are currently in LWIA 11's OJT program.

McKenzie Tree Service has over 20 years of reliable experience.

They specialize in any activity that requires mowing, trimming, tree or overhanging limb removal, bush clearing, stump removal, tree planting and food plots for wildlife.

They even have emergency crews that are available for storm damage.

McKenzie Tree Service is fully licensed and fully insured. They are a member of the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA). Their company has an in-depth safety and training program for their Groundmen, Trimmers, and Operators. All of their staff are trained and certified.

They service residential, commercial and utility accounts.



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