

Boone County

Location Appeal to World-Class Companies

Just 25 minutes from downtown Indianapolis in the northwest corridor along Interstate 65, Boone County has made a long-term investment in physical infrastructure that is paying off in an unprecedented boom today, while a major local government consolidation in Zionsville this year is setting the stage for future economic development.

Zionsville started this year by growing to around 50 square miles overnight when its government consolidated with Eagle Township and Union Township. Zionsville is the first significant Indiana town to use new powers granted by the Indiana General Assembly in 2006 to restructure its government.

The plan will result in streamlined local government and clear economic development objectives in targeted areas, according to Zionsville Town Council President Matt Price. “With this unification we’re bringing clarity,” he said, “so an investor knows exactly where we’d like to see him invest and exactly

what type of investment we’re seeking. We think having that type of clarity and vision for our community is going to be very attractive to companies and business owners seeking to evaluate whether they would like to make an investment in Zionsville.”

Elsewhere in Boone County, Anson, a 1,700-acre mixed-use, master-planned community in development since 2005, includes office, industrial, retail, medical and residential development, plus several hundred acres for green space, parks, trails, schools and other civic uses.

It has attracted world-class tenants such as Medco Health Solutions Inc.,



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which ranks 45th on the Fortune 500 list and is named among the world’s most innovative, most admired and most trustworthy companies. In January 2010, Medco added to its automated pharmacy at AllPoints at Anson with the launch of the Medco Therapeutic Resource Center (TRC) for oncology patients, which will be headquartered there. The expansion will bring the total number of pharmacy jobs — including pharmacists, researchers, pharmacy technicians, engineering technologists and administrative positions — to more than 1,400.

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The new oncology TRC consists of nearly 150 specialist pharmacists and more than 250 support personnel who will actively participate in the care of cancer patients, identify treatment gaps and address quality of life issues, such as managing side effects of drugs.

“The Oncology TRC in Indiana will be home to specialist pharmacists who will work with physicians nationwide as they treat the more than 1 million Medco members living with this condition,” said Kenneth O. Klepper, Medco president and chief operating officer.

The pharmacy, including the addition of the TRC and a world-class personalized medicine research center, occupies 452,000 square feet at the site.

Medco’s \$140 million automated pharmacy includes a world-class research center for personalized medicine. The center features active collaborations between Medco, universities and the area’s colleges of pharmacy to investigate how to deliver more precise pharmacy care through innovations in personalized medicine. The mail-order pharmacy uses

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the most advanced technologies and will dispense 1 million prescriptions a week when it reaches peak capacity in 2012.

In nearby Lebanon Business Park, just off I-65 at the State Road 32 exit, two new tenants just opened distribution facilities.

In July, United States Cold Storage, one of the leading public refrigerated warehousing companies in the U.S., opened an ultra-modern, high-volume warehouse and distribution center. The \$38 million, 300,000-square-foot facility features convertible temperature rooms, an enclosed shipping/receiving dock and the newest CO2 Cascade refrigeration technology to ensure the safe, secure and efficient handling of products from some of the country’s premier food manufacturers, processors and distributors. It should create more than 100 new jobs by 2012.

“Our Lebanon operation provides a strategic alternative for food companies and retailers who want easy access to Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, St. Louis, Columbus, Cincinnati and Louisville,” explains Larry Alderfer, vice president of corporate development for U.S. Cold Storage. “This location allows product to be positioned for direct access to the southern and eastern United States.” The facility is easily accessible by Interstate Highways I-65 and I-74.

MSI Packaging, a design and fabrication company that stocks industrial packaging materials, just completed an 80,000-square-foot headquarters on 6.5 acres. They were attracted to Lebanon Business Park because of its ready access to I-65, a solid workforce and a welcoming community, according to co-owner Tyler Dill. The company invested more than \$3 million in the building and brought more than 35 jobs to Lebanon.

“When it came time for us to build our own building instead of leasing a facility, Boone County had the most attractive offer,” Dill says. “Our dealings with the city of Lebanon were fantastic. They were easy to work with.”

In October, MWI Veterinary Supply Inc., a national distributor of animal health products, expanded its distribution operations in Whitestown, creating more than 30 new jobs. The company, which distributes veterinary medicine supplies to veterinarians, invested more than \$1.5 million to lease warehouse space for its cold storage and distribution operations. The new center services growing markets throughout the Midwest and the Great Lakes regions.

“MWI was attracted to Whitestown due to both its excellent logistics location and the workforce. We look forward to our growth in Indiana,” said James Cleary, president and chief executive officer of MWI.

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