

## IEDC News

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### ICON Exhibits Expands Indiana Operations, Adds Jobs in Fort Wayne

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**FORT WAYNE, Ind.** (Aug. 6, 2009) - ICON Exhibits, designers and producers of exhibits and media for tradeshows, events, corporate interiors and museums, announced today that it will expand its Indiana operations.

The company, which merged with California-based Delphi Productions in March, will add a 20,000 square-foot building to its existing 60,000 square-foot campus in Fort Wayne, the state's second largest city. The development will enhance the enterprise's overall logistics and operations capacity and result in the retention of 30 jobs and the potential for nearly 60 new positions. The project will cost approximately \$4.3 million and could lead to larger investments in the future. Project completion is expected for 2012.

"Indiana's attractive business environment and solid financial position has put us on the map for new jobs and investment from growing companies like ICON Exhibits," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "In today's competitive economy, we are pleased to see an increasing number of companies choose Indiana."

Established in Fort Wayne 64 years ago, ICON Exhibits works with several Indiana companies including Do it Best, Peerless Pump, Peg Perego and the John Dillinger Museum.

"We see Fort Wayne as a smart place to grow our business for numerous reasons," said Justin Hersh, president and chief executive officer of ICON and Delphi. "The central Midwest location offers incredible efficiencies for a production and transportation-intensive business like ours. Additionally, the quality and work ethic of the people has helped build the strong, successful team we have today and hope to build on for the future. We are incredibly excited about the growth opportunities we see for our Indiana operation and greatly appreciate the city's and state's support."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered ICON Exhibits \$485,000 in performance-based tax credits and \$40,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. In addition, the IEDC will provide \$10,000 through the state's Industrial Development Grant Fund to the city of Fort Wayne to support off-site fiber optic

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