



## ***An Economic Program for Elkhart County's Future***

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Created 4,000 jobs @ an average hourly wage of \$16.55

Invested \$210,000,000 in new capital

Generated \$2,000,000 in state grants

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### **OUR MISSION:**

The Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County is dedicated to long-term continuous improvement, while maintaining and growing a diverse economic base and providing economic opportunity to Elkhart County communities and their residents.



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Tax Abatement

Negotiate and Coordinate State of Indiana Incentives/Assistance

Access State Grants, over \$ 2,000,000 so far

Financial Packaging

Coordination with Local Municipalities

Work Force Recruitment & Training

Transportation Improvements

Property Search & Evaluation

Local Workforce Information, include Wage & Benefits

These 67 companies invested over \$ 75,000,000 in Elkhart County

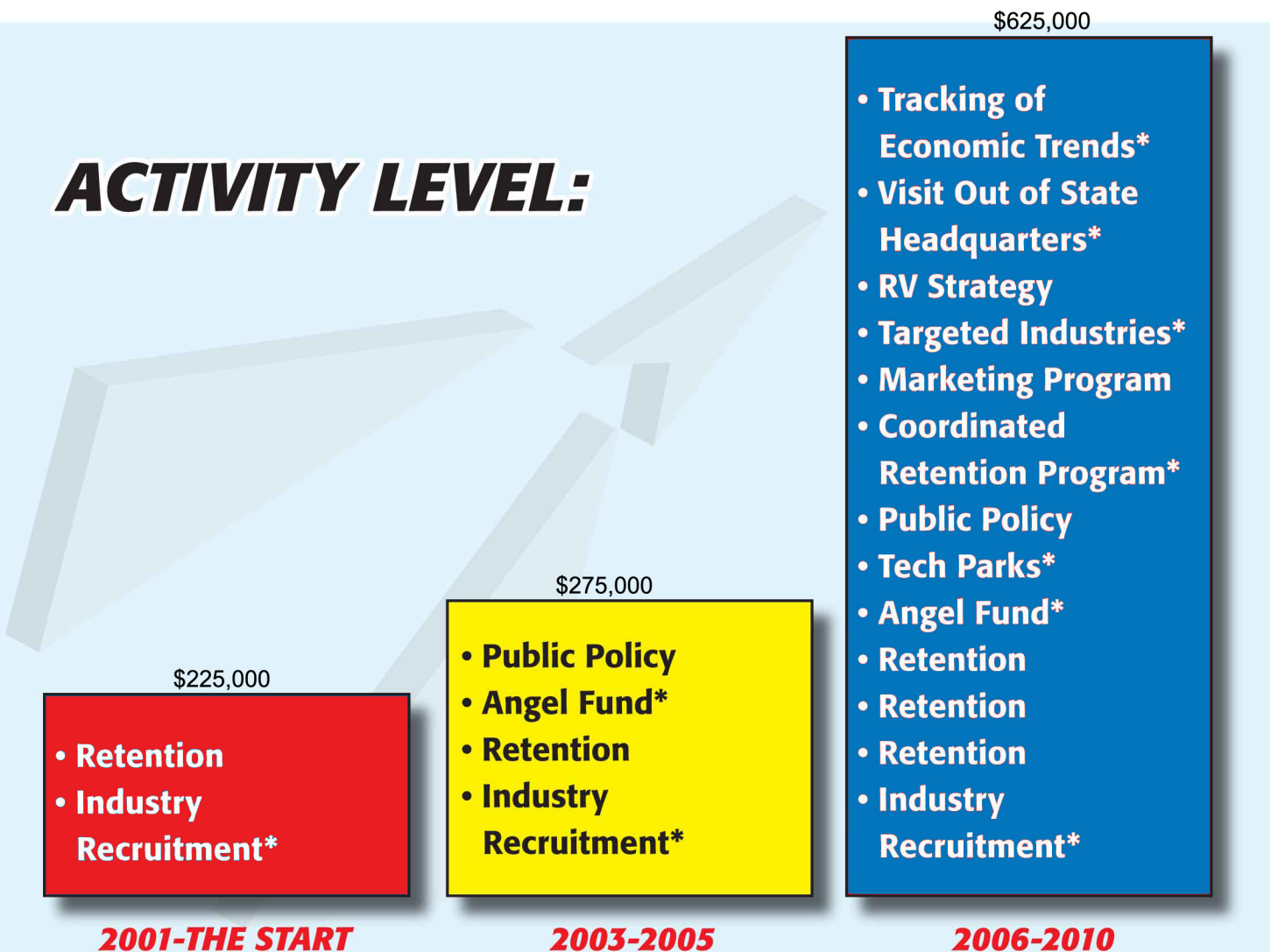
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**PARTNERING FOR PROGRESS**

## OUR GOALS:

1. **Retain/Enhance our current manufacturing base.** EDCEC will work one on one with local employers to assist in stabilization and grow in order to provide the optimum incentive to keep processes and employment in Elkhart County local.
2. **Improve Our Business support System.** The EDCEC partnering throughout the community will develop and implement positive business solutions that create a true Public/Private Partnership that focuses on unique solutions for individual businesses in Elkhart County. Strategic activities will guide delivery of resources and services will be provided to both individual companies and industry clusters.
3. **Develop and promote an environment that earnestly encourages the success of local business.** Many of these tools will be considered based on information garnered through the retention visit process. These programs are expected to be both fluid short term projects as well as programs that are institutionalized in the EDCEC and other community partners.
4. **Recruit New Industry.** Elkhart County needs to continue to diversify its manufacturing base. The EDCEC will work to add companies that are compatible with our community, diversify our economy, and provide new and different jobs. We will be competitive in securing the best new projects that are looking into the tri-state region.

## ACTIVITY LEVEL:



\*Activities relate to outcomes of the Horizon Project. The EDCEC is charged with implementation of all activities that fall within our mission. The EDCEC is the lead organization in the Horizon Project's implementation.

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