

Indiana names Livin' Lite among its Companies to Watch

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INDIANAPOLIS -- Five Indiana companies were recognized as "Spotlight" award recipients at the fourth annual "Companies to Watch" ceremony in Indianapolis last week.

The accolade, presented by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, its Small Business Development Center network, Purdue University and the Edward Lowe Foundation, recognizes past "Companies to Watch" honorees that have demonstrated continued growth, success and commitment to Indiana.

Companies honored were Greenfield-based Lee and Ryan Environment Consulting, Inc., a construction and environmental consulting firm, Wakarusa-based Livin' Lite Recreational Vehicles Inc., a trailer and camper manufacturer, Indianapolis-based MainGate, Inc., a sports merchandising and marketing firm, Columbia City-based Micropulse, Inc., a medical devices firm, and Indianapolis-based POLARIS Laboratories, LLC, a fluid analysis testing laboratory.

"'Spotlight' award winners are shining examples of the growth and ongoing impact that 'Companies to Watch' recipients have in their communities and beyond," said Mitch Roob, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "These five companies deserve our congratulations and our thanks for exemplifying the many strengths of Hoosier businesses."

Livin' Lite Recreational Vehicles, Inc., a 2009 "Companies to Watch" recipient, weathered the RV industry storm and grew from approximately 51 to 77 employees in 2011. With 200 percent revenue growth in 2010, the RV manufacturer expects an 88 percent revenue increase this year due to its new light-weight RV model.

The second annual field of "Spotlight" award winners were honored along with this year's 43 "Companies to Watch" recipients at a ceremony at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. Companies recognized as "Companies to Watch" are privately held businesses incorporated in Indiana, employ six to 150 full-time employees and have between \$750,000 to \$100 million in annual revenue or capital.

Created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Daniels. Mitch Roob serves as the chief executive officer of the IEDC. For more information about IEDC, visit <http://www.iedc.in.gov/>.

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