



MEDIA BRIEFING
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APRIL SHOWERS GOOD NEWS REGARDING 200 NEW JOBS

THYSSENKRUPP continues to invest in Danville Area

A long-awaited decision has resulted in good news for Vermilion County. ThyssenKrupp USA, Inc. announced today that the company will consolidate both of its crankshaft machining plants into a single facility in Danville. The decision will result in an additional \$19M investment and 200 new jobs in Danville. In October 2007, the company announced that it would install a new machining line in Danville representing a \$40M investment.

“We are grateful to ThyssenKrupp for their continued commitment to the Danville Area. We know from our close working relationship with local management, the constant challenges they face to stay competitive in the worldwide market. We have worked closely with them since late 2004 to explore many different local options. It took considerable local and state teamwork to bring this one home,” said Vicki Haugen.

“There are no words that can adequately express how critically important it is for all of our employers like ThyssenKrupp that we do everything humanly feasible in Vermilion County and our state to achieve the most competitive environment possible. Education and our commitment to create the most prepared employees available and an area that is attractive to new professional and international management recruits is a key part of this process as are the overall cost of doing business and infrastructure preparedness. There is no time to react to needs, we must “build it so they will come.” While our hearts go out to the Fostoria, Ohio community, we are grateful to be the bride this time.”

2008-2010 CORE EMPLOYERS' JOB PROJECTIONS OUT

It is almost a perfect 50/50 split between new jobs and replacement positions for attrition and retirement that comprise the 1,943 positions identified by 44 core employers in the annual 24-

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month projection survey. Also, to no one's surprise, is the continuing escalation of education required for the available positions.

117 different classifications identified

21% require AS

17% AS or BS

26% BS

10% MS and/or specialty license beyond BS

Subtotal of 74% some level of college

26% at least high school with job experience in the field preferred.

Other news:

Destination Danville presentation now on Vermilion Advantage Website

Accra Cost of Living Calculator

Both tools are located under the Community Profile page of the web site.

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