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*INCMA's Monthly Newsletter*

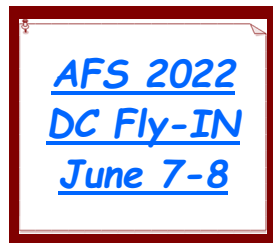
*April 2022*

## INDIANA JOB WARS

*US News:* What happens when Amazon.com Inc plops over 1,000 new jobs in one of the hottest blue-collar job markets in the country? The RV Capital of the World is about to find out. Like many other manufacturing hubs around the United States, this patch of northern Indiana has struggled to fill factory jobs throughout the pandemic, due in large part to an unprecedented boom in the recreational vehicle industry that dominates the local economy. New U.S. manufacturing jobs were minted at a rate of about 32,000 a month over the past year - the swiftest clip in more than a quarter century - but the regional variations are sizable. Around Elkhart, whose population is about 52,000, the share of the total workforce that is employed in factories and manufacturing is 51.5%, compared with a share of 8% nationally, according to the Labor Department. The region's jobless rate sank to 0.9% in December, the lowest rate in the country, according to the Labor Department, though it has since edged up slightly. [Read more!](#)

## INCMA BOARD ELECTION

The INCMA Board of Directors will meet in May for their second quarter meeting. Board members will be selecting a new lobbyist as well as electing new Board members. If any INCMA foundry member would like to serve on the Board, please contact INCMA at [INCMAoffice@ameritech.net](mailto:INCMAoffice@ameritech.net)



## 2022 AFS ADVOCACY SUMMIT - JUNE 7-8th

AFS will hold this year's Washington DC "fly-in" on Tues./Wed. June 7-8th. Day one features a briefing on key issues featuring leading experts, followed by a gala reception at the prestigious Capitol Hill Club where AFS will present awards to lawmakers with a strong record of supporting metalcasters. Day two features high-impact meetings with your members of the House and Senate. Together, our advocacy efforts make a difference! [AFS members click here to register or for more information.](#)

## INCMA GOLF OUTING MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 2022 INCMA golf outing will once again be held at the Pretty Lake Golf Club in Plymouth, IN. The event will be held on Tuesday August 30, 2022 with a member dinner held on the night before - August 29th. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in this excellent fellowship and networking opportunity!

## INDIANA LOOKS TO BECOME A NUCLEAR POWER STATE

*The Center Square:* The Indiana Legislature approved a bill that directs the IURC to adopt rules for granting certificates for construction, purchase, or lease of small modular nuclear reactors. SMRs are defined in the bill as nuclear reactors that generate no more than 350 MW of power. No power company in the United States currently uses SMRs, but they are being developed by NuScale Power in Portland, Oregon, and there is one project currently under development in Idaho. [More information!](#)

## ENERGY WORKSHOP

INDIEC will host a technical workshop on June 21 from 9-1 pm in Indpls. Topics include Decarbonizing, Hydrogen as a Fuel, and EVs. This program is designed for members, prospects, IURC and OUCC. Save the date!

## SAVE 25% ON YOUR WORKERS COMP

Recognizing that workers compensation insurance is one of the most expensive lines of coverage for foundry members, INCMA has partnered with Dimond Bros. Insurance to offer a program uniquely designed for foundries with the potential for a dividend of up to 25% of a foundry's premium to be paid back annually. [Click for more information!](#)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

INCMA welcomes our newest foundry member - Wabash Castings - located in Wabash, IN. Please go to the [INCMA Members page](#) to link to Wabash Castings and other INCMA members. Welcome!

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