

**OUR GOAL IS TO HELP EMPLOYERS:**

*Stay. Grow. Start-up. Locate.*

*Ultimately, the Portage Development Board's goal is to create and keep family sustaining employment.* Located conveniently in the midst of northeastern Ohio's urban centers, **Portage County** offers excellent accessibility to a well-developed transportation network, major urban markets, a well-educated and experienced labor force, and some of the finest educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities available anywhere.

"The InSite team truly enjoyed working with the Portage Development Board. Our project had a number of challenges as well as an aggressive schedule. The collaborate effort by the Portage Development Board and our team, in the end, allowed us to maintain our commitments to our client. We are looking forward to the next opportunity to work with the Portage Development Board at our industrial business park."

—Mike Larsen, InSite

"Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work with the Portage County Development Board on several occasions. They have always been very helpful, professional and friendly. This year was no exception when we worked with them to take advantage of various tax credits and incentives relative to our \$8 million plant expansion. It's advantageous to have them in your corner."

—Roger Koeberle, Viking Forge

STAY GROW START-UP LOCATE

*It pays to stay. Portage Development Board is wholeheartedly committed to helping companies stay in Portage county.* And for good reason. **Viking Forge** is a state of the art forging operation located in the City of Streetsboro. The company needed to expand its production and warehouse operations by adding 110,000 square feet to existing building. The building expansion and new equipment represented an investment of \$9.7 million. **PDB** helped by working with Jobs Ohio to secure a Job Creation Tax Credit. And also, worked with the City of Streetsboro which provided 40% property tax abatement for 7-years. **The project will retain 131 jobs and create 40 new jobs over the next three years.** Total annual payroll will be **\$7.59 million.**



**BY STAYING LOCAL, VIKING FORGE CREATED 40 NEW JOBS AND RETAINED 131 IN 2012.**

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*Nurturing growth and facilitating business expansion.* **Portage Development Board** is no stranger to assisting and accommodating the growth of businesses based in Portage County. **The Rovisys Company**, which is based in the City of Aurora, is a provider of comprehensive process automation solutions and services. Its *growth* required that the company build a new 16,000 office building. The total project costs were \$1.9 million. The City of Aurora provided property tax abatement through their Community Reinvestment Area program. The **PDB** worked with Jobs Ohio to provide a Job Creation Tax Credit and also brought in the Portage Workforce Connection to help with Rovisys's recruitment needs. **This project will retain 182 workers and create 80 new positions over the next three years.** The total annual payroll will be **\$18.7 million.**



**ROVISYS' EXPANSION CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION OF 80 JOBS AND RETENTION OF 182 JOBS.**

STAY GROW START-UP LOCATE

*Initiate your business locally with ease.* **Portage Development Board** provides numerous resources that allow starting up in Portage County incredibly possible and rewarding. The Board provides companies with information on **Ohio incentives** such as **tax credits, tax exemptions, grants, bonds and loans that can help you start up and thrive.**

**PDB provides companies with information on:**

- **Site and building search assistance.**
- **Financing information and referrals.**
- **Property tax exemptions and tax credits information.**
- **Workforce needs.**
- **Any other questions or concerns.**



**THE SELAS PROJECT WILL INVEST \$3.7 MILLION IN THE CITY OF STREETSBORO AND CREATE AN ADDITIONAL 22 JOBS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.**

STAY GROW START-UP LOCATE

*Relocation. Facility expansions.* It's all possible with the help of the **Portage Development Board.** Newell Rubbermaid contracted with InSite Real Estate, LLC to build an 811,200 distribution center to support its manufacturing operations located in the Village of Mogadore, Summit County. The **Portage Development Board** effectively coordinated the efforts of 18 organizations to enable the project developer, InSite Real Estate, L.L.C., to construct and deliver the distribution center to its customer within eight months of breaking ground. In addition, the Portage County Port Authority helped by providing \$23.9 million in bond financing to build the distribution center. The Port Authority also secured a \$250,000 grant from the state's 629 infrastructure program to extend a public road with help from Jobs Ohio. The total investment by Newell Rubbermaid and InSite comes to \$42 million. **A total of 79 persons will be directly employed at the distribution center for a total annual payroll of \$2.16 million.**



**SEVENTY-NINE JOBS WERE CREATED WITH THE RUBBERMAID/INSITE'S NEW LOCATION IN PORTAGE COUNTY.**

**2012 PROJECT COMPLETION DATES PROJECTS ARE LISTED WITH THE PARTNERS INVOLVED**

<b>MARCH</b> ▶	Parker Hannifin – Ravenna, Jobs Ohio, GCP, PWC	<b>JUNE</b> ▶	LayerZero Power Systems – Aurora, Team NEO NEOMED – Port Authorities (Portage, Summit)
<b>APRIL</b> ▶	Schneller – Kent, Jobs Ohio, PWC	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> ▶	Spring Seal/Lifeforce – City, EZ, Cascade Viking Forge – Streetsboro, Jobs Ohio
<b>MAY</b> ▶	Selas/Pyromics – Jobs Ohio, Streetsboro, PWC, NDS, GCP, Maplewood Rubbermaid/InSite – Brimfield, County, SC & PC PA, Jobs Ohio, GAC, PWC, Tallmadge RoviSys – Aurora, Jobs Ohio, PWC	<b>OCTOBER</b> ▶	GP Tree Service – Township

**KEY:** EZ- Enterprise Zone Real Property Tax Abatement Program; SC PC- Development Finance; Authority of Summit County; PC PA- Portage County Port Authority; GAC- Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce; PWC- Portage Workforce Connection; NDS- Neighborhood Development Services; GCP- Greater Cleveland Partnership

**2012 PROJECT SUMMARY**

<b>JOBS AND PAYROLL</b> ▶	<i>Jobs Created and Retained</i> <b>1,209</b>	<i>New Direct Payroll</i> <b>\$69,939,294</b>	<i>Average Payroll Per Employee</i> <b>\$57,848</b>
<b>CAPITAL INVESTMENT</b> ▶	<i>Total Capital Investment</i> <b>\$129,424,813</b>		

## YEAR IN REVIEW

# 2012

	SELAS/PYROMICS	RUBBERMAID/INSITE	VIKING FORGE	SCHNELLER	ROVISYS
<i>Start Date</i>	12/9/11	12/1/11	12/13/11	10/25/11	2/24/12
<i>Project Location</i>	City of Streetsboro	Brimfield Township	City of Streetsboro	Franklin Township	City of Aurora
<i>Jobs Created</i>	22	79	40	50	80
<i>Jobs Retained</i>	13	0	131	155	182
<i>Partners</i>	Jobs Ohio, Streetsboro, PWC, NDS, GCP, Maplewood	Brimfield, County, SC & PC PA, Jobs Ohio, GAC, PWC, Tallmadge	Streetsboro, Jobs Ohio	Kent, Jobs Ohio, PWC	Aurora, Jobs Ohio, PWC

	LAYERZERO	PARKER HANNIFINN	NEOMED	GP TREE SERVICES	SPRING SEAL/ LIFEFORCE
<i>Start Date</i>	3/6/12	6/14/11	10/28/11	8/29/12	2011
<i>Project Location</i>	City of Aurora	City of Ravenna	Rootstown Township	Suffield Township	City of Ravenna
<i>Jobs Created</i>	39	29	15	0	11
<i>Jobs Retained</i>	14	304	0	7	38
<i>Partners</i>	Aurora, Team NEO	Ravenna, Jobs Ohio, GCP, PWC	Port Authorities (Portage, Summit)	Suffield Township	City, EZ, Cascade

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## ECONOMIC IMPACT

Includes jobs, payroll, output and tax revenues of companies assisted by FirstEnergy as well as secondary impacts at other local businesses. Includes only impacts created in 2012. Additional impacts will be generated in future years.

*Total new jobs supported*

**2,166**

*Household spending supported*

**\$87,014,248**

*Total new payroll supported*

**\$107,127,411**

*Total value economic impact*

**\$493,953,746**

*A special thanks to the people and organizations who made this possible in 2012.*

### Contributors:

Akron CNC Training Center  
 Alex Piteo  
 \* Bennett Land Title Agency, LLC  
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 \* Brimfield Township  
 \* City of Aurora  
 \* City of Kent  
 \* City of Ravenna  
 \* City of Streetsboro  
 \* Davey Tree Expert Co.  
 \* Delta Systems, Inc.  
 \* Downtown Mantua Revitalization  
 Escott & Company LLC  
 \* F & M Packaging, Inc.  
 \* FirstEnergy Corp/ First Energy  
 Foundation  
 Fortis College  
 \* Geis Companies  
 \* Hiram College  
 \* Huntington National Bank  
 \* Infinity Resources, Inc.  
 \* Jack Kohl II  
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JP Morgan Chase Bank  
 \* Kent State University  
 \* Key Bank  
 \* Mantaline Corporation  
 \* Maplewood Career Center  
 \* Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED)  
 \* Portage Community Bank  
 \* Portage County Board of Commissioners  
 \* Portage County Educational Service Ctr  
 \* Portage County Port Authority  
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 The Record Courier  
 \* The Schipper Group/Brimfield Crossings  
 \* Village of Garrettsville  
 \* Yank Heisler

*\*Members on the board*

### Executive Committee:

Chair: Elizabeth Barry- President, Delta Systems Inc.  
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 Yank Heisler- Community Representative  
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**Brad Ehrhart**  
*President*

Brad joined the Portage Development Board in September of 2011. Prior to the PDB, Brad served as the Executive Director of the Clarion County Economic Development Corporation, and also as the Assistant Director of Penn-Northwest Development Corporation. Brad began his career in 1985 at the PA Dept. of Commerce where he served as a policy analyst and the Manager of Reverse Investment (Europe). Brad holds a Master of Science in Public Management and Policy degree from Carnegie-Mellon University. His undergraduate degree in History and Economics comes from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.



**Diana Fierle**  
*Executive Assistant*

Diana has worked in Portage County's economic development efforts since 1992, giving her more than 20 years experience in economic development. Diana transitioned with the agency in 1999 when it became a department of county government, and again in 2011 when it became the Portage Development Board. Her current position is Executive Assistant, and she transitions on January 1, 2013 to Economic Development Specialist, a full-time professional position, to assist with the Portage County Business Retention and Expansion Program.



**Taylor Daniel**  
*Intern*

Taylor Daniel is the current intern at the Portage Development Board. Taylor joined PDB in May of 2012, and is the first intern to work at the Portage Development Board. She is a graduate of Rocky River High School, and is currently a full time student at Kent State University. Taylor will be graduating in 2013 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.

## Portage Development Board

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