



**CITY OF SYCAMORE
INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORY
2007**



American Bare Conductor
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Sycamore, IL 60178
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Bare copper and insulated wire products.

COMPANY HISTORY

Established in 1985 by Robert T. Boey and Mike Reiger.

JOBS PROVIDED

Approximately 30 machinists



Auto Meter Products
Corporate Headquarters & Engineering Center
109 Somonauk St.
Sycamore, IL 60178
Operations Center
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Sycamore, IL 60178
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Auto Meter Products, Inc. is the worldwide leader in performance instrumentation with its Tachometers, Speedometers, and Gauges used by professional and sportsmen racers around the world. Auto Meter is also a major supplier to the OEM marketplace. Auto Meter also offers a full line of professional electrical systems testers that are sold to professional mechanics in both the heavy-duty truck and automotive repair markets.

COMPANY MISSION

Auto Meter mission is to deliver Power, Precision, and Passion to our end user customers by providing them with the information that they need to win. We do this by providing world-class service and unmatched accuracy, precision, and durability in everything that we do.

COMPANY HISTORY

Auto Meter was founded by Vern Westberg in 1957. In the early days Vern would pour sand castings in his family's backyard, and his sons would help him assemble products in their basement at night. During our 50 years, we have developed many industry-leading products from our Rev Control Tachometers and quick responding Racing Tach's to our high technology NEXUS Instrumentation System we have set the standard for accuracy, precision, and durability. Today, we have state-of-the-art cellular manufacturing centers, advanced engineering systems, and product technology that is unmatched in the instrumentation marketplace. Our Operations Center covers 48,000 square feet and our Headquarters and Engineering Center totals 23,000 square feet.

JOBS PROVIDED

We currently employ 150 people in our Sycamore operation, and are in the process of consolidating our Utah Operations into our Sycamore facilities.

TAXES PAID IN COMMUNITY/COUNTY

Property taxes paid in 2006 \$32,525.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Auto Meter is an active member of the Sycamore community. We participate in the annual Pumpkin Festival and support other causes. We have made monetary and food contributions to the Red Cross, Second Harvest Food Bank, and other community groups.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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**Blackhawk
Moving & Storage**
340 South Ave.
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Moving and storage of household goods and products requiring specific handling.

COMPANY MISSION

Provide superior moving, storage and customer service.

COMPANY HISTORY

Founded in December, 1978 in DeKalb. Relocated to Sycamore in January, 1980.

JOBS PROVIDED

80–100 employees

TAXES PAID IN COMMUNITY/COUNTY

Real estate taxes paid \$30,088

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

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| Sycamore Chamber of Commerce | Kishwaukee Hospital |
| DeKalb County Economic Development | T.A.I.L.S. Humane Society |
| Midwest Museum of Natural History | Sycamore Community Schools |
| Sycamore Public Library | Salvation Army |
| NIU Athletics | American Red Cross |

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

Daniel A. Hamingson, President
Michael Marchese, Secretary/Treasurer



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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED



We pursue increasing levels of automation and build to order on several products in our line. We use advanced computer modeling and analysis software. We have our resources oriented around design and manufacturing with fabrication personnel being our greatest expenditure. We work hard to make desirable products that sell themselves. All of the equipment we make needs to be efficient. Dawn Equipment will not sell you equipment that does not make you money. We will not sell equipment that costs more to pull across the field than is possible to get back out in yield increase. Dawn believes that a proper farm strategy should be good both for the environment and farm income. We must respond to a changing world faster than our competitors, use more advanced technology, and most of all never forget who got us here: the customers. Together we can farm better.

COMPANY HISTORY

DAWN Equipment Company was founded in 1990. DAWN is committed to producing premium products across the board. We can't be the cheapest product on the market but we can be the highest quality. Offered at a reasonable price, this equals real value and return on investment. DAWN was founded with the intent to, and is constantly striving to produce a group of products that fills the needs of mainstream farmers. As a small company we can react quickly to market needs. DAWN is at heart an engineering company. Our use of technology and lean manufacturing techniques allows us to offer our products at a price comparable to others on the market. And when you call us you can speak to a person who is helpful and informed about current trends in agriculture.

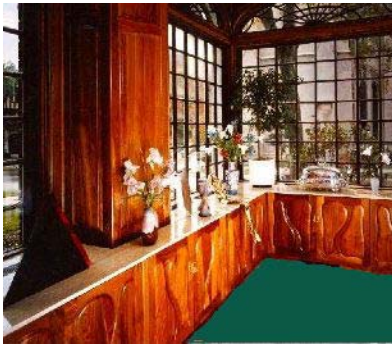


DER HOLTZMACHER, LTD.

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED



Der Holtzmacher, Ltd. specializes in custom designed furniture and cabinetry, liturgical furnishings, interior and exterior wood doors, and historical replication and restoration. We will work from your designs or we will custom design to your specifications. We utilize various tools and materials to bring your vision to reality.

COMPANY HISTORY

Der Holtzmacher (The Woodmaker) was established in 1978 by Michael Holtz, a third generation woodworker. Its customers include churches, homeowners, and architects throughout the Midwest. In 1998, we moved into our new 12,345 square foot headquarters, which is a woodworker's dream.





**1140 Park Ave.
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

We are the premiere, environmental friendly manufacturer of the broadest range of press-fit fastening and joining components and equipment. Products include Grooved Pins, Studs, and Keys, Solid and Hollow Dowel Pins, Spring Pins, Coil Pins, Barbed Pins and Studs, and Knurled Pins. Our services include EngiNomics©: i.e. customer engineered assembly design assistance for a customer's competitive economic advantage, certified stock, land line and web based commerce, customer metal cutting and forming process development, custom stocking programs, short quoting and manufacturing lead times.

COMPANY MISSION

Driv-Lok is a well-integrated manufacturer from metal fabrication equipment to high volume component production. Driv-Lok strives to be the preferred source of innovative, cost effective solutions for our customers who require press fit fastening, joining, and special component applications.

Drive-Lok also strives to provide the highest quality, superior customer service, shortest lead times, and unequalled technical assistance through a team of dedicated professionals.

COMPANY HISTORY

Driv-Lok was founded in 1939 by H.R. "Pete" Hilstrom, a Mechanical Engineering graduate of Iowa State University. Pete started with one machine, one customer, and one employee in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He moved the company to Clinton Street in Chicago in 1942 and from Clinton Street to Jefferson Street in 1946. On May 1, 1948 the company relocated to Sycamore. In 1968 a second plant and headquarters was built. Expansions in 1971 and 1985 brought total plant capacity to 100,000 sq. ft. Pete's goal was to provide a full standard line of grooved pins. The product line numbers over 12,000 with an additional 1,000 custom products. The company is now the leader in press-fit fasteners with over 200 machines, over 120 employees, and over 1,700 customers serving automotive, marine, sport, electrical, distribution, military, toy, and hardware markets. Driv-Lok parts have been used on the moon and in hospitals. Custom products are used in almost every form of transportation on the road and off. Our first product went into automobiles over 60

The company was acquired from the Duffey family by the current management team with local financing and community support. This joint mission is to preserve these quality jobs and this quality company involved in this quality community.



JOBS PROVIDED

46 Production Personnel; 37 Indirect support service personnel, 11 office clerical; 27 salaried professionals in the areas of accounting, sales, process engineering, mechanical engineering, Human Resources, Purchasing, MIS, and Quality Control. Average length of service is 10.5 years. Pay and benefits average \$41,000 per year hourly employee and \$67,000 per year non-officer salaried employee. Career paths include:

Accounting and Finance	Customer Service
Mechanical Engineering	Sales
Electrical Engineering	Marketing
Industrial & Process Engineering	Machinist
Management Info. Systems & Data Processing	Skilled & Semi-skilled laborer
Materials & Supply Chain Management	Maintenance mechanic
Operations Management	Tool & Die
Human Resources Management	Purchasing
Quality Control	

TAXES PAID IN COMMUNITY/COUNTY

Exceed \$40,000.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Community Library	Support of state, local & Nat'l government
Kishwaukee Hospital	Bowl for Kids Sake
Chamber of Commerce	Opportunity House
Chamber of Commerce Board	Kishwaukee YMCA
Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors	Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra
DeKalb County Industrial Mgmt. Club	Junior Achievement
DeKalb County Economic Develop. Council	American Cancer Society Relay for Life
MMNH Museum Board	American Heart Association Walk
Sycamore Historical Museum	Ben Gordon Center
Kishwaukee College	DeKalb County Hospice
Northern Illinois University	March of Dimes Walkathon
Sycamore H.S.; Sycamore Junior H.S.	Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Discover Sycamore	Sycamore Park District
Local churches	Sycamore Rotary
Pumpkin Festival	Sycamore United Fund

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

Kim Conti/Director of Operations
Becky Metcalf/Director of Sales and Marketing
Mike Carr/Director of Finance
Gary Seegers/President and CEO



Fullco Industries, Inc.
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www.fullco.com



PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Fullco Industries, Inc. is a distributor of production components to selected North American OEM and aftermarket accounts supplying a wide range of bulk and custom packaged fasteners, stampings, forgings, and plastic parts.

COMPANY MISSION

Fullco Industries mission is to be a growing, profitable company by:

- Providing complete customer satisfaction in the products and services we supply
- Setting and achieving aggressive professional goals for our employees and the company

COMPANY HISTORY

The company was started in 1986 on a very modest investment by the founder and still active owner, Mr. Tom Fuller. It has steadily grown into a multi-million dollar business and relocated to Sycamore and a new 35,000 square foot facility from St. Charles in the summer of 2005.

JOBS PROVIDED

Fullco's warehouse employees perform multiple material handling, packaging, inspection, and inventory control functions. Accounting, sales customer service, purchasing, engineering and general management activities are conducted by the office staff.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

A variety of Economic, Community, and Educational organizations are supported by the company.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

We offer many sizes and configurations of custom unit set and continuous forms. In addition, we recently introduced a complete line of stock voucher checks and envelopes. We have also added a complete line of document security features.

COMPANY MISSION

Our mission at Genoa Business Forms, Inc. is to continually improve our reputation for excellence in profitably producing and marketing business forms. We will accomplish this by involving all our people in a collaborative environment that stresses an unceasing drive towards excellence in our administrative and manufacturing processes, product quality, service to our customers and interactions with each other.

COMPANY HISTORY

The company was founded in 1957 as Genoa Offset Service, Inc., by Edward Paulson and Boyd Loptien who each kicked in \$375 for the down payment on a new 1250 Multilith printing press. Soon after that, with the assistance of a bank loan, a new IBM electric typewriter was purchased to do typesetting.

In 1969, the first roll fed printing press was purchased and by 1978 business forms had become a major portion of sales. To reflect the movement toward this specialized area of printing, the company name was changed to Genoa Business Forms, Inc.

In 1984, we moved into our new 40,000 square feet facility which is our current location in Sycamore. Even though we had left Genoa, the decision was made not to change the company name, so we are still Genoa Business Forms, Inc., known to most of our customers and friends simply as "Genoa"

Since 1984, Genoa Business Forms, Inc. has enjoyed steady growth and expansion. We now offer many sizes and configurations of custom unit set and continuous forms. In addition, we have recently introduced a complete line of stock voucher checks and envelopes. We can accept digital files designed in most platforms. We have added a complete line of document security features, and we still continue to offer our trademark fast and reliable service, with rush deliveries available.

JOBS PROVIDED

Customer Service Rep, Press Operator, Collator Operator, General Manufacturing.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Ideal is recognized as a world leader in designing, producing and selling high quality tools and supplies to the electrical, communications and aerospace industries.

COMPANY MISSION

IDEAL is in the business of profitably designing, producing, and selling quality products that facilitate the installation and termination of electrical wiring. In the pursuit of its objectives, the Company is committed to the personal and financial well being of its employees, customers, and owners, by realizing a fair return on net worth from a professionally managed business which will seek prudent growth on an international basis. IDEAL will strive to provide a culture which exudes enthusiasm, is endowed with integrity and pride, and encourages employees to work together in a challenging atmosphere, achieving growth through involvement.

COMPANY HISTORY

In 1916, J. Walter Becker started the Ideal Commutator Dresser Company of Chicago from his mother's kitchen. He manufactured commutator dresser stones with the belief that every product should be worth more than the price paid for it. Service, he said, was part of the product. That idea has been the core IDEAL business principle for 85 years. Today, the many loyal distributors and customers that make IDEAL successful are a testament to Becker's original philosophy.

JOBS PROVIDED

IDEAL INDUSTRIES, INC. provides a number of jobs in the community ranging from various hourly positions in manufacturing, warehousing, shipping and receiving all the way up to Corporate positions in the range of disciplines typically found in a Corporate setting.

TAXES PAID IN COMMUNITY/COUNTY

2005 DeKalb County Real Estate taxes paid in 2006, \$325,739.01.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

IDEAL INDUSTRIES, INC. is involved in various community functions such as the Pumpkin Parade, DeKalb County Community Spelling Bee, Voluntary Action Center Meals on Wheels and many other local events. The IDEAL INDUSTRIES FOUNDATION is a contributor to several agencies and groups in DeKalb County.



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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED



We combine laser and computer technologies with over fifty years of woodworking experience to provide affordable, high quality wood inlays and laser cutting services. Our customers include: furniture, clock, and musical instrument manufacturers, architects, designers, contractors, and other product manufacturers.

COMPANY MISSION

We exceed customer requirements by creating a working environment that empowers employees to do everything right the first time. At Inlaid Woodcraft, customer satisfaction is not the goal it is the standard.

COMPANY HISTORY

Established in 1950, Inlaid Woodcraft Company initially was founded to supply pre-cut marquetry picture kits to mail-order woodworking catalogs. Until 1979, we used jigsaws to cut most parts. We pioneered the development of wood (vener) cutting CO2 lasers in the late 1970s and early 1980s. We experienced tremendous growth as a result of this new technology, quickly broadening the industries we serve. Today, our customer base includes leading manufacturers in the high-end furniture, cabinet making, yacht building, architectural plywood, automotive interiors, custom coach building and miscellaneous wood products industries. Inlaid Woodcraft is located in Sycamore Illinois and has been providing quality services to the Chicago area and the entire nation for over 50 years.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club
Young Professionals Club
Ben Gordon Center
Opportunity House

S.C.O.R.E.
Donations to various community and school organizations

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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Dale Johnson, owner

Jeff Johnson
Jeff Stolland

JENSEN & SON INC.

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Tools · Dies · Molds · Specialties

COMPANY HISTORY

Jensen & Son Inc. started in 1943 by David C. Jensen and Merrill B. Jensen is a small, family-run company with dedicated employees that through four generations has exemplified excellence in workmanship within the tool and die industry. We have added the latest CNC Machining Centers, CAD/CAM offline programming, and conventional EDM in the past 16 years. This has greatly expanded our operations and capabilities offering multi-part production runs with the same precision workmanship, on-time delivery, and competitive pricing which has kept Jensen & Son Inc. growing for over 65 years.

JOBS PROVIDED

Jensen and Son employs approximately 20 workers in the areas of welding and machine operations.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED



Seating systems for Chrysler.



COMPANY MISSION

Continually exceed our customers' increasing expectations.

COMPANY HISTORY

In 1883, Warren S. Johnson, a professor at the State Normal School in Whitewater, Wisconsin, received a patent for the first electric room thermostat. His invention launched the building control industry and was the impetus for a new company.

Johnson and a group of Milwaukee investors incorporated the Johnson Electric Service Company in 1885 to manufacture, install and service automatic temperature regulation systems for buildings. The company was renamed Johnson Controls in 1974.

Between 1885 and 1911, Professor Johnson delved into many other areas, including electric storage batteries, steam and gas powered automobiles, huge pneumatic tower clocks and wireless telegraph communication. But at his death in 1911, the company decided to focus solely on its temperature control business for nonresidential buildings.

Johnson Controls, Inc., Hoover Automotive Systems started making components for automotive seats in the mid-1960s. Today the company has become the world's largest manufacturer of complete seats, with manufacturing plants on five continents. Our just-in-time plants are located near customers' vehicle assembly plants. Seats are assembled, loaded on a truck, in a sequence that matches the cars coming down the assembly line, and delivered to the customer all in as little as 90 minutes.

In both its automotive and controls businesses, Johnson Controls remains committed to exceeding the increasing expectations of its customers. This commitment has enabled it to succeed for more than a century, and provides it with exciting prospects for the future.

JOBS PROVIDED

Johnson Controls, Inc., Hoover Automotive Systems, has 150 employees



Mark's Machine Shop, Inc.
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Sycamore, IL 60178
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(815)895-5173 Fax



PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Truck equipment up-fitting.

COMPANY MISSION

Our company mission is to provide top service at an affordable price to our customers in a safe and friendly environment.

COMPANY HISTORY

Mark's Machine Shop was established in 1946 by Mark Werthwein. Originally, Marks was an actual machine shop. Over the years it has been converted into a truck equipment up-fitting shop with minor machining operations. It is now owned by Fuz and Eric Mathey of Sycamore.

TAXES PAID IN COMMUNITY/COUNTY

State sales tax and county real estate taxes are paid.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

We have been loyal contributors to local booster clubs, sports team sponsors, local charities, and other local clubs such as Rotary Club, Lions Club, etc.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

Fuz Mathey
Eric Mathey



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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Nicor offers a wide range of energy-related products and services that contribute to an affordable, comfortable and reliable home or work environment. Services include heating and air conditioning service and installation, indoor air quality solutions and protection plans for home appliances.

COMPANY HISTORY

Northern Illinois Gas was formed in 1954 from several companies in and around Ottawa, Ill. In 1955, we bought Union Gas and Electric, and a few years later, we laid the groundwork for the world's largest underground gas storage system. In the 1960's, we expanded our service area and began drilling for natural gas. During this time, we also increased our natural gas storage capacity by developing underground storage.

Nicor Inc. was formed in 1976 as a holding company. And in 1997, Northern Illinois Gas began operating its natural gas business as Nicor Gas. Today, Nicor Gas is the largest natural gas distributor in northern Illinois, serving more than 2 million customers.

JOBS PROVIDED

The Nicor Gas Call Center responds to inbound telephone calls from customers. The call center employs 175 Customer Care Specialists (CCS). Nicor also employs engineers, sales staff, technicians, accountants, mail room personnel, HVAC technicians, human resources specialists, and computer technicians.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Year after year, Nicor employees donate both time and money to their communities, and Nicor is proud to strengthen this tradition of giving by making additional investments in organizations in the form of grants and donations across northern Illinois. In 2005, Nicor contributed more than \$1.7 million to support programs and organizations that make a difference to people in need.



Odom Tool & Technology
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Machine shop: drilling, boring, cutting, honing, wire welding, surface grinding, lathe & mill work.

COMPANY HISTORY

Established in 1986 by Jim Odom

JOBS PROVIDED

10 machinists

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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(formerly Floit Sand & Gravel)
284 May St.
Sycamore, IL 60178
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www.ozinga.com



PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Ready mix concrete; sand & gravel processing

COMPANY HISTORY

In 1928 Martin Ozinga Sr. & Bill Conrad established the Conrad & Ozinga Coal & Coke Company in Evergreen Park, IL. In 1929 Martin Ozinga Sr. bought out Bill Conrad's share of the business to become sole owner of Martin Ozinga Coal & Coke Co. In 1942 Martin Sr. transferred the business to his sons, Martin Jr., Rich & Norman. The business is changed and is now known as Ozinga Bros. Coal & Building Material. In 1952 Ozinga began producing ready mixed concrete and soon thereafter it became Ozinga's exclusive product. A plant was opened in Alsip, following population growth to the Southwest suburbs. In the summer of 1985 Martin Jr. & Richard retires, ushering in the leadership of the third generation of Ozingas. Martin III was appointed President, Richard's sons (Rich & Jim) become Treasurer and Vice President of Ozinga Bros., Inc. In 1996 the legendary Ozinga headquarters in Alsip, IL was closed. Ozinga Bros., Inc. was expanded and the single headquarters was separated to three headquarters to better serve customers and surrounding communities. The company was restructured to Ozinga Illinois RMC, Inc. (Mokena, IL), Ozinga Indiana RMC, Inc. (Gary, IN), and Ozinga Chicago RMC, Inc. (Chicago, IL). Rich DeBoer, Don Rapley, and Tom Van Etten took leadership of the respective companies while Martin III, Rich & Jim acted as a board of directors. In 2003 Ozinga Bros., Inc. celebrated its 75th anniversary. With a fleet of over 400 ready mix trucks and 1,000 employees, Ozinga has become one of the leading material supply companies of the Midwest. More than ever, Ozinga continues in its commitment to provide customers with high quality, great service, and a fair price, while upholding the spiritual and philosophical convictions upon which the company was founded.

JOBS PROVIDED

Drivers, dispatch, diesel truck mechanics, customer service representatives





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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED



Seymour is the manufacturer of quality aerosol and bulk paint coatings and chemicals for automotive, industrial, marine and hardware markets and many specialty products distributed throughout the United States and many countries around the world.

COMPANY HISTORY

The Seymour of Sycamore legacy goes back to 1949, when founder Ed Seymour devised a novelty spray gun to demonstrate an aluminum paint he had created for painting steam radiators. Based on the same principle as spray deodorizers and insecticides, the conveyance featured a small can of paint packaged with an aerosol propellant and fitted with a spray head. Though intended to show sales prospects how the paint would look when applied to surfaces, the aerosol sprayer proved so popular that Seymour borrowed a few thousand dollars from a local bank to develop this revolutionary idea.

Many changes took place over the next couple decades. From the 1950s through the early 1960s, Seymour products were sold mainly to hardware wholesalers and paint distributors. Expansion resulted from increased distribution into larger markets, as well as from the company's continuing innovations. Further expansion ensued as Seymour launched its Automotive Division in the mid-1960s, providing refinish coatings and touch-up paints to the automotive aftermarket.



Ed Seymour, Founder of Seymour of Sycamore and the inventor of aerosol paint.

Today multiple facilities totaling 220,000 sq. feet house Seymour's corporate headquarters and manufacturing operations in Sycamore, Illinois.

JOBS PROVIDED

A staff of 150 highly trained individuals includes three full-time chemists plus a team of laboratory technicians, process engineers and quality control specialists.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

As a responsible corporate citizen, Seymour of Sycamore is thoroughly committed to protecting the natural environment and ensuring the well-being of employees. This means not only providing a safe, clean and healthy workplace but also fulfilling our legal and social responsibilities within the community.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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SK Express, Inc.

Manufacturer of Wire Harnesses, Cables and Value Added Assemblies

300 North Ave.

Sycamore, IL 60178

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www.skexpressinc.com



PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

The company manufactures electrical wire assemblies, harnesses, and value added assemblies such as panel groups, fuse box assemblies and other electro-mechanical products.

COMPANY MISSION

SK Express Inc. strives to manufacture high quality products that exceed customer's expectation while providing engineering support and customer service.

COMPANY HISTORY

SK Express was founded in 1999. Despite its short history, the company has staff with decades of experience working with engineering and manufacturing of wire assemblies and harnesses.

JOBS PROVIDED

SK Express Inc. offers manufacturing, clerical, data entry, information technology (IT), engineering, and supervisory positions. Currently the company employs about 100 people, and runs two shifts.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

SK Express Inc. employs local workers from surrounding communities for staffing various departments while having a close relationship with Northern Illinois University for engineering and IT internships and special projects.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

Saeed Saffaei, President
JR Acasio, Vice President



The Suter Company, Inc.[®]

"Manufacturing Innovative Food Products Since 1925"

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

The Suter Company is a manufacturer of prepared food products. Specializing in shelf stable lunch and snack kits, refrigerated salads, dips and spread, and deviled egg kits. Products are distributed throughout the United States and Canada.

COMPANY MISSION

The Suter Company, provides innovative food solutions worldwide. We uphold the highest standard of integrity while providing our customers, employees, shareholders, and community a long-term partnership that delivers exceptional products, value and service.

COMPANY HISTORY

The Company was founded in 1925 by the late Charles Suter. The business has always been owned and operated by the Suter family and currently headed by President & CEO Tim Suter, part of the third generation to manage the business. The Company started its canning operation in 1950, and began producing refrigerated food products in 1983. Its customers include virtually all major grocery, wholesale club, and c-store chains. The Company packs its products under their *Sycamore Farms* brand name, and also co-packs for several nationally recognized retail brands.

JOBS PROVIDED

The Suter Company currently has 155 full-time employees. The business also has additional staffing needs during certain times of the year causing seasonal employment to peak at about 175—180 people.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Family Service Agency	Relay for Life	Sycamore Police Department
Ben Gordon Center	American Red Cross	Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra
Sycamore Youth Baseball	Sycamore, Illinois, US Chambers of Commerce	DCEDC
Kishwaukee YMCA	Bowl for Kids Sake	Turning Back Time
Sycamore & DeKalb Schools	Pumpkin Fest	DeKalb County Hospice
Altrusa		

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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Heidi Wright, Vice President of Sales & Marketing
Chris DeVlieger, Human Resources Manager



Sycamore Containers, Inc.

ISO 9001: 2000 Registered Quality Management System

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED



Corrugated packaging design
and manufacturing.



COMPANY MISSION

Respect for the individual. Service to customer. The pursuit of excellence.

COMPANY HISTORY

In 1962 SCI began producing small quantities of shipping cartons for local businesses in Sycamore, Illinois. Over time, a reputation for quick, dependable service developed, along with their customer base.

Today SCI supplies customers across northern Illinois, Indiana, and southern Wisconsin. SCI keeps pace with ever-changing customer demands by offering modern production equipment, expert personnel and computerized customer service.

JOBS PROVIDED

SCI employs 65 coworkers

Manufacturing, inside sales support, outside sales, clerical, and supervisory and management.

TAXES PAID IN COMMUNITY/COUNTY

Total property tax bill = \$48,470.28

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

The company has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for many years. We actively support DCEDC. Dozens of local organizations which depend largely or solely on donations are actively supported.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

Larry Kendzora—Vice President
Marvin Barnes—Plant Manager
Joe Baum—Sales Manager/Customer Service Manager

**SYCAMORE GLASS
COMPONENTS**
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Custom optics manufacturing for Industrial, Medical, Military, and Display industries.

COMPANY HISTORY

Formed in 1992 to provide custom optics internationally. Moved to current location in 1994. Two subsequent building additions since that time to allow for growth.

JOBS PROVIDED

Manufacturing, Sales, Office.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Opportunity House
Special Olympics
Pay-It-Forward House
CASA
Family Service Agency
Knights of Columbus
Lions Club
RAMP

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Sycamore Truck Center
602 Brickville Rd.
Sycamore, IL 60178
(815)895-5102



PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Full service truck and auto repair.

Mechanical · Electrical · Tire Sales & Service

COMPANY HISTORY

In Sycamore since 1993.

JOBS PROVIDED

Auto and diesel mechanics, parts technicians, office.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Turning Back Times sponsor
Various organizations and events

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

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CONSISTENTLY FIRST IN RENEWABLE INGREDIENTS

1631 South Prairie Dr.
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

World-wide Tate & Lyle produces a wide range of food and industrial ingredients. The portfolio includes starches and sweeteners used by food customers to enhance taste, texture, and performance. Another product line is industrial starches used mainly in paper production to improve strength and operational efficiency. Other product lines include sugar, syrups, and molasses; Splenda® Sucralose, (the no calorie sugar that is made from sugar, so it tastes like sugar); proteins; and fermented products, like citric acid, ethanol, and bigums. (Splenda® and the Splenda® logo are trademarks of McNeil Nutritionals).

The products produced in Sycamore include stabilizers, emulsifiers, and flavors for the food, beverage and dairy industries.

COMPANY MISSION

Tate & Lyle’s mission is to create the world’s leading renewable ingredients business. The company produces a diverse range of ingredients from corn, wheat, and sugar at over 65 production facilities in 29 countries.

COMPANY HISTORY

Tate & Lyle was founded in the United Kingdom by the consolidation of the separate sugar refining businesses of Henry Tate and Abram Lyle. The company has grown considerably and beyond sugar refining into a variety of renewable ingredients for food and industrial customers across the globe.

Key dates in the company’s history include the 1988 purchase of the former A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company based in Decatur, Illinois, as well as the 2006 purchase of Continental Customer Ingredients of Sycamore, Illinois. The Sycamore based acquisition is now known as Tate & Lyle Ingredients.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Tate & Lyle aims to play a positive role in all the communities in which it operates around the world. Over the years we have developed a group-wide community involvement policy that forms one of our core components underpinning our ethical behavior.

The company contribution policy focuses on Education, Health, the Arts and the Environment.

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

We offer 100% customer designed, highly insulated energy efficient, concrete wall panels, steel wall and roof panels. We work with the customer from conception to opening in order to achieve the highest standards of building design and cost savings.



COMPANY MISSION

To provide a highly insulated, energy efficient, custom fit panel system to the customer while saving them time and money.

COMPANY HISTORY

Started in 2001, Thermalshell Technologies has manufactured panels for projects all around the Midwest and even as far away as Virginia. We have built projects ranging from parking garages, animal shelters, community centers, restaurants, offices and maintenance facilities. We continue to grow with every project and are always finding ways to save the customer time and money.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

In 2003, working with the T.A.I.L.S. Animal Shelter of DeKalb, we built a 6,000 sq. ft. state of the art animal shelter. In collaborating with them we also acted as the general contractor saving them money as opposed to going with an outside general contractor.

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Thompson Industries, Inc. proudly manufactures quality machine parts and equipment for companies such as Caterpillar, Nissan Forklift, Amerock, Greenlee, AGCO, and Hoerbiger.

A leader in our market niche, we pursue innovations in new technology, quality control systems, and leading edge training and management methods to provide our customers with the highest quality product at the most competitive pricing.

COMPANY MISSION

Our Mission is to:

- Deliver the best possible service and products to our customers.
- Take pride in maintaining the highest quality and appearance that only true craftsmanship can provide.
- Never sacrifice quality or service for convenience.
- Always exceed our customer's expectations.

We have built our business by exceeding our customer needs The First Time, On Time, Every Time.

COMPANY HISTORY

A family owned and operated company, Thompson Industries has been providing precision machined components to an ever widening array of World Class customers since 1973.

JOBS PROVIDED

Thompson Industries employees approximately 22 people in the areas of machine operators, welding and assembly and packaging.

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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Lighting Division:

Your reputation is built on performance. That's why your lighting supplier must perform for you. For over 30 years, Upstaging has brought quality and creativity to venues across the country. We meet all of your lighting needs with the most advanced technology, skilled technicians, and the best professional staff in the industry.

Trucking Division:

Choosing a trucking company is no simple task. You have a responsibility to your client to ensure that their equipment is in the very best hands. Upstaging offers much more than a truck and a driver. We provide more than 30 years of experience; the finest quality company owned tractors and trailers; reliable professional drivers; extensive insurance coverage; and a logistics staff on call 24 hours a day to assist you with your production needs.

COMPANY HISTORY

For over 30 years, Upstaging has brought quality and creativity to venues across the country. Now we're ready to meet all of your lighting needs with the most advanced technology, skilled technicians, and the best professional staff in the industry.

JOBS PROVIDED

Electricians, OTR Truck Drivers, Administration, Retail Sales, Lighting technicians, System engineers





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Sycamore, IL 60178
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PRODUCTS/SERVICES PROVIDED

Transportation Company/Truckload/LTL/Expedited Service & Courier Service.

COMPANY HISTORY

In Sycamore since 1992.

JOBS PROVIDED

Truck Drivers and Office personnel.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Sycamore Chamber Member since 1992

Involvement with Opportunity House for many years

Supporter of Sycamore High School sports, school events and activities and many other Sycamore activities and organizations.

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