

### Who We Are

The Marion County Partnership for Economic Development (Partnership) is a nonprofit, public/private corporation formed in 1986 to address the need to advance the economic, industrial, business and civic welfare of Marion County. The Partnership is funded by its members, which includes the county, cities, utilities, businesses, lenders and local professionals.

The Partnership's main purpose is to encourage growth of existing industry and businesses while giving all proper assistance to any new firms or individuals seeking to locate in Marion County. To this end, the Partnership works to promote the county as a single economic entity working in a complementary manner with local and regional economic development programs.

By creating a system to allow lenders, government entities and local businesses and professionals to increase private investment in the communities, the Partnership works to:

- attract and retain quality jobs;
- assist expansion and retention of existing companies;
- solicit new business compatible with the assets and values of Marion County;
- promote Marion County's business
  image; and
- enhance Marion County's overall quality of life.

### **Contact Us for More Information**

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#### **Partnership Investments**

Since 1986, the Partnership has invested more than \$1.3 million in Marion County economic activities, including the recruitment/expansion of about 20 industries plus funding of the local Tennessee Three-Star Program and industrial recruiting.

These investments include survey work, spec buildings, property option purchases, legal expenses, groundbreakings, property purchases, rail spurs, easements, utility extensions and training.

# Why Should You Become Part of the Partnership?

As local businesses, governments and professionals doing business in Marion County, we all have an obligation to make the place we live, work and play even better!

As businesses that have been helped by the Partnership in the past, it's time to "step up" and help your neighbors as they have helped you! To local retail businesses, an investment in Marion County's welfare results in more and better jobs, and a strong business base in the county is good for your business and can help it prosper!

For local professionals, more successful businesses in the community mean more opportunities for you to assist them!

#### **Present Membership and Dues**

As of Feb. 1, 2014, there are 23 members of the Partnership, including eight local businesses, seven individuals, four lenders/banks and five public organizations. Dues for individual members are \$1,000, and dues for businesses range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 based on number of employees.

Join and become part of the successful private/public partnership that's totally centered on growing Marion County and its businesses!

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