



Region 5 Works Council

MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2015

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Xtreme Alternative Defense Systems
1735 W. 53rd Street Anderson IN 46013**

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome**
- II. **Tour and explanation of education-related activities**
- III. **Recognition of Local Initiatives in the Region**
 - a. Chuck Staley, Flagship Enterprise—partnership with Purdue and US Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Staley stated that of the 74% microloans in state—over half are minority, women, or veteran owned. Mixture of high-tech and mom-and-pop enterprises. The microloans support different types of companies. Importance is diversification.
 - b. Pete Bitar, President and CEO, Anderson Innovation Center—XADS, Spinoffs, and other tenants. XADS—cleanup system that knocks out IEDs explosively. PVB Holdings—laser bedazzelers (that temporarily blind and nonlethal), Supercars, “Air Buoyancy.” Mr. Bitar gave an overview of the Plant 18 Center—which includes an amazing collaboration of education, makerspace (which is open to public), and 70/30 split of established businesses and startups.
 - c. **Lessons and possibilities for the region**
- IV. **Building Immediate Solutions for Identified Regional Needs**
 - a. **Examples: welders; automotive technicians; EmployIndy’s on-line marketplace**
 - b. **A possible Immediate Solutions Team for the region**

Should we create a network of groups like the Anderson Information Center—New Tech high schools parallel—stimulate this kind of conversation in other parts of the region. Culturally, Plant 18 is important, but it could be elsewhere. Culturally, how does the high school space play into this? How do we engage CTE centers in something like this? It will take a few years to bring them into the fold—we are still trying to figure out the fold.
- V. **Other Business**
- VI. **Adjournment**