## Chamber teams with NationJob to promote Wabash Valley job openings

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NationJob has a nationwide network reaching communities across the country to let them know about jobs in the Wabash Valley. It can also connect local people seeking employment with jobs locally and around the nation.

Offering NationJob to businesses and job seekers is a way to market positions available locally and to reach out to skilled workers interested in relocating to the Wabash Valley, said Ken Brengle, president and CEO of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce.

"This valued-added program for our members will save them time and money in finding qualified employees," he said. "NationJob is a proven program with over 20 years of experience working with various community organizations across the country."

The Terre Haute job site can be accessed at www.TerreHauteChamber.

com. Click on the Local Job Site button on the main page.

The program is designed for both large and small businesses. Any chamber member with fewer than 30 employees is able to participate free.

Thirteen local companies are featured employers in the program, Brengle said, and it is their leadership in signing on to NationJob that also makes the program available to the chamber's small businesses.

Since the program's start in April, more than 300 local jobs have been posted on the website. NationJob statistics show that those local jobs have been viewed more than 62,000 times, and 1,420 jobs have received clicks to submit a resume or apply for the job.

The 13 companies featured in the program are ADVICS Manufacturing Indiana, Cadillac Products Packaging Co., Clabber Girl Corp., Columbian Home Products, Green Leaf, Hamilton Center, Harrison College, Indiana State University, Old National Bank, Taghleef Industries, Thompson Thrift, Tri Aerospace and Union Hospital.

The Terre Haute chamber has more than 800 members, and more than 400 are now eligible to sign up for free as small businesses. Larger businesses can also sign up to be featured employers.

Dan Doan, vice chairman of the chamber's workforce development committee and regional CEO of Old

National Bank, said that NationJob is an economic avenue of recruitment for local employers, and it shows other areas that there are employment opportunities in Terre Haute.

Part of the program is the free service called PJ Scout — or personal job scout — which allows job seekers to set up a profile to search for jobs meeting specific criteria. A job seeker can receive emails about new job postings, based on information submitted online.

Brengle said he hopes local colleges, universities and alumni groups will use the PJ Scout service to connect students with local jobs and to encourage graduates to return to the Terre Haute community.

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