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2013 Golden Dart Award

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S. Gill	Gill Bros.	1.2	1.8	8.8	1.6
B. Kersey	American Lawn Mower Co	-0.4	2.0	7.9	1.7
J. Kouns	CB Lunsford	2.0	2.0	7.5	2.0
R. Lopez	VigilCorp	2.1	2.0	7.8	2.2
M. Lunsford	CB Lunsford	2.2	2.1	7.8	2.0
T. Matchett	First Merchants	2.8	1.9	7.8	2.5
J. Needham	CB Lunsford	-2.0	4.0	10.0	2.0
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Keynote Speaker



Mark Cooper

Director, Indiana Office

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The 7 Deadly Sins...

of Exporting!





Global Changes







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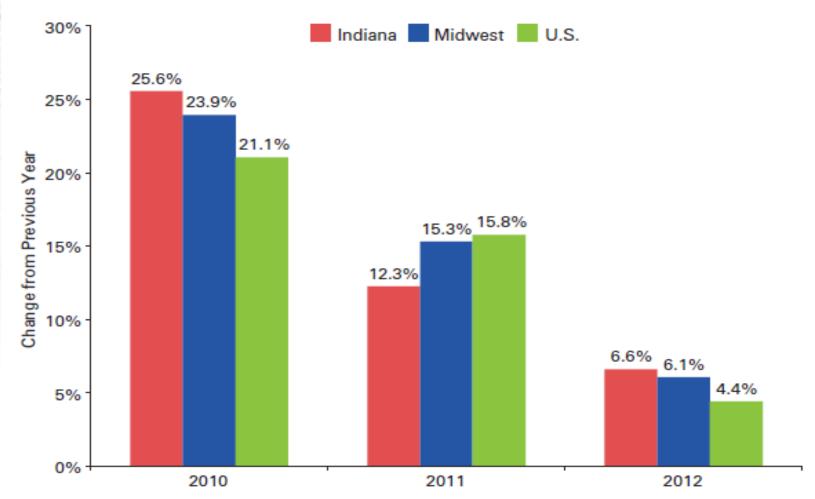
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- >> To represent U.S. business interests internationally
- >> To help U.S. businesses find qualified international partners



Indiana vs. the Midwest

Figure 1: Annual Increase in Exports for Indiana, the Midwest and the United States, 2010 to 2012





Source: WISER Trade



Indiana Global Overview

- Ranked 13th in the nation in exports
- Indiana Exports totaled appx \$34.4 billion in 2012

7% increase from 2011



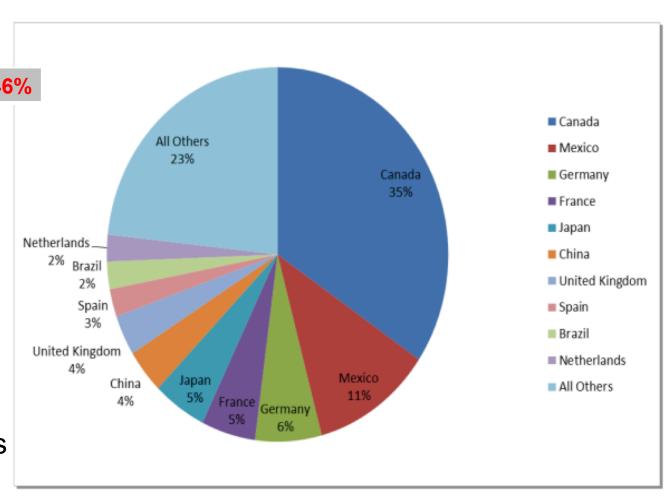




Indiana's Top 10 Export Markets

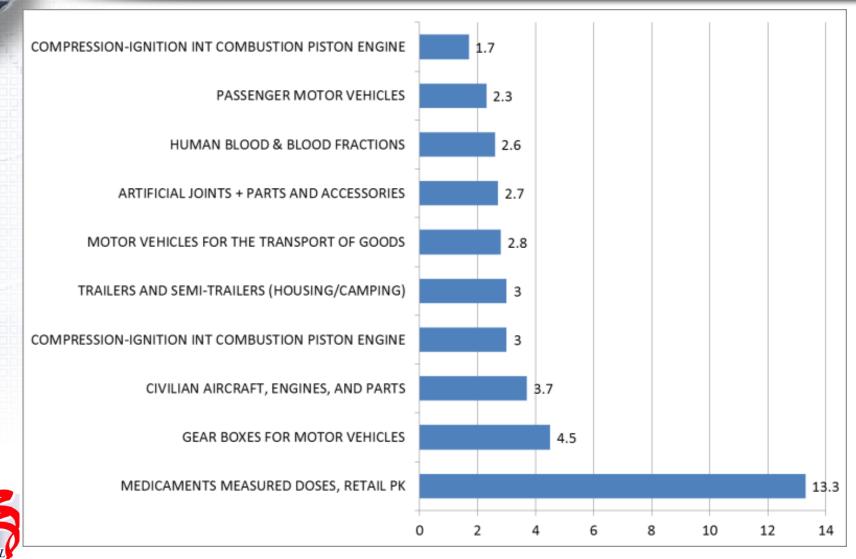


- 1. Canada
- 2. Mexico
- 3. Germany
- 4. France
- 5. Japan
- 6. China
- 7. UK
- 8. Spain
- 9. Brazil
- 10. Netherlands





2012 Top 10 Indiana Export Commodities, by % Share of Total

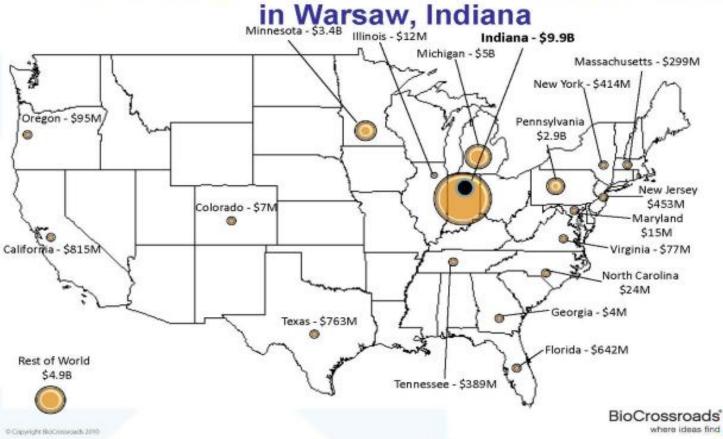






Orthopedics Hub.....

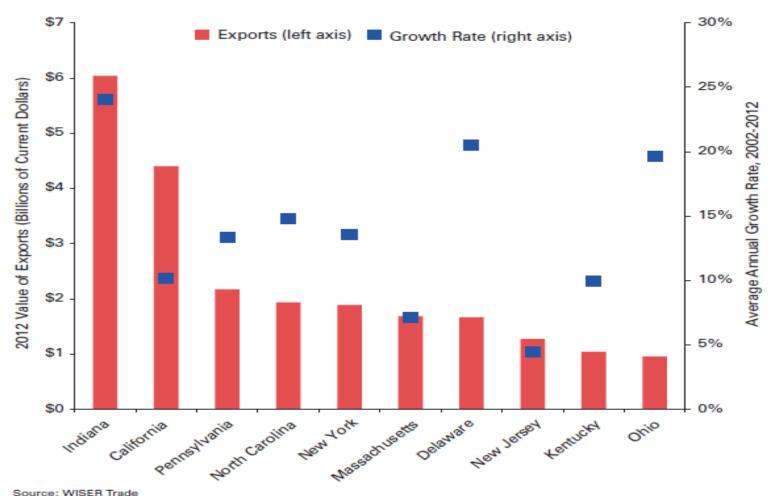
33% of the global orthopedics industry is based





Indiana the Top Pharma Exporting State

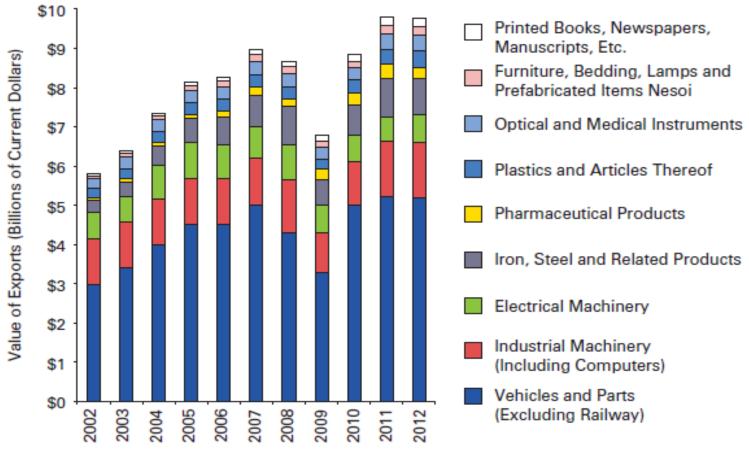
Figure 29: Leading States in the Export of Pharmaceuticals, 2002 to 2012





Indiana Exports to Canada by Industry

Figure 21: Indiana Exports to Canada by Industry, 2002 to 2012





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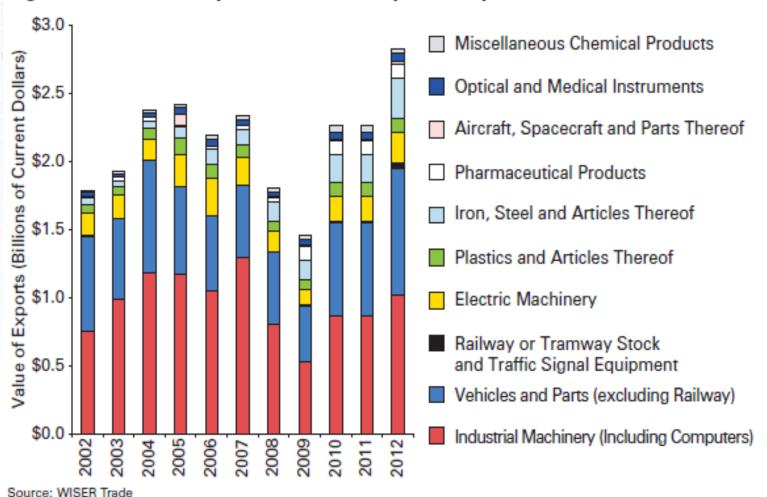
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Indiana Exports to Mexico by Industry

Figure 22: Indiana Exports to Mexico by Industry, 2002 to 2012

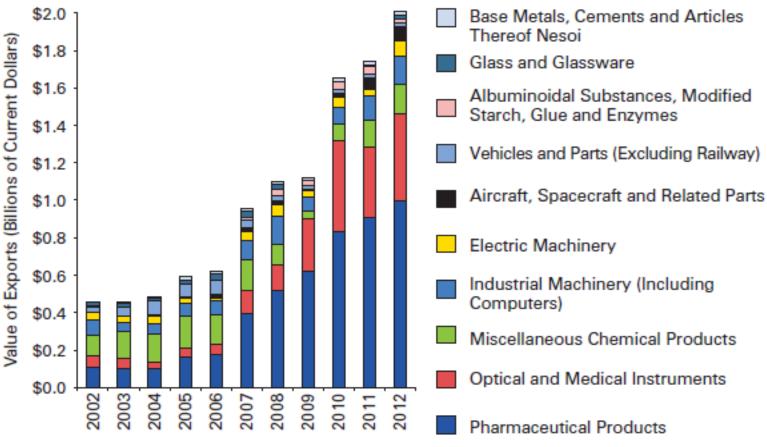




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Indiana Exports to Germany by Industry

Figure 23: Indiana Exports to Germany by Industry, 2002 to 2012





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- 6,279 companies exported from Indiana in 2009.
 5,400 (86 percent) were SME's with fewer than 500 employees.
- Dynamic growth in exports = firms with fewer than
 20 employees
- Exports support 12 million U.S. Jobs, pay up to 18% more national average..
- 7.4% of Indiana's private sector employment
- 1 in 5 Indiana manufacturing jobs supported by exports





Sin #1...Don't Like Homework

- Know if your product will sell overseas
 - careful about me too' products
 - What makes it special, unique, different?
 - Just because it sells in U.S. doesn't mean it will sell over 'there'
 - Determine 'key market indicators' for your product
 - ex: paper, pens, and lawnmowers in EU





Sin #2... Management Doesn't 'Get It'

- Doesn't see international as 'real business'takes away from domestic
- Won't hire an international sales person
- Doesn't want to spend the money to research or allow travel to markets
- Has unrealistic goals or time horizons for success- International business takes longer
 - Ex: 'who is in charge of exporting'?



- NO FOLLOW UP.....



Sin #3...Using a Shotgun, not a Rifle

- Not Every Market is a good one
- There are over 180 countries in the worlddon't overdo it
- Focus on markets with greatest 'bang for the buck' potential
- Homework + 1 or 2 markets
- Consider Canada or Mexico



Ex: I think China is sexy



Sin #4... Champagne Taste-Beer Checkbook

- 'I will send a fax'
- 'give me an unqualified list'
- 'I can't afford to travel'
- 'translate it-can't those foreigners read english'-
 - TIP: at least translate intro letter
 - 'I don't have a website'





Sin #5... If It's Good Enough for Americans....

- Unwilling to adapt product to the market
- Unwilling to change production runs- smaller runs
- Unwilling to change size or dimensions
- Unwilling to use metric system
 - Ex; furniture company- their low end was Brazilian middle to high end





6. I Can Sell Anything...!

- Signing exclusive distributor agreements
- Not doing background check on potential distributor
- Have distributor place initial order
 - (ex 20% of first year expected sales)
- Not treating foreign distributor like domestic- no training, no visit



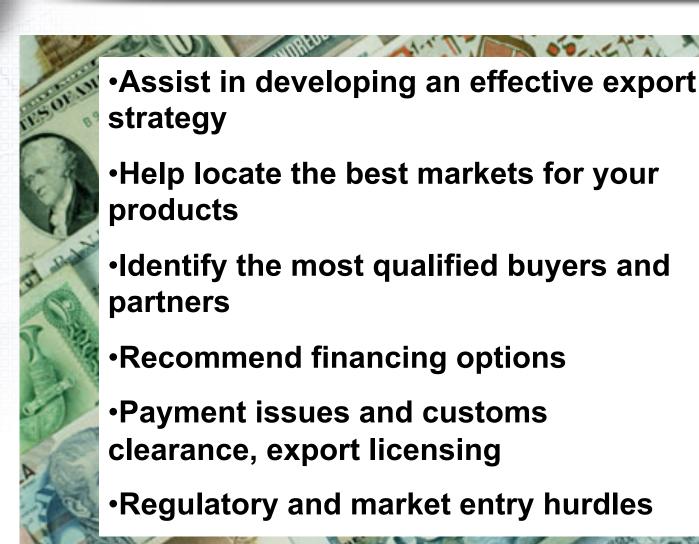


7. In God We Trust...but All Others Use an LC

- Getting paid is top priority
- Be sure to consider shipping costsknow your incoterms-
- Know payment options such as cash in advance, LC's (types), EXIM











Core Market Services

Business Facilitation

- International Company Profile
- Gold Key Matching Service
- Single Company Promotion

Trade Promotion Events

- International Buyer Programs
- Trade Shows & US Pavilions
- Trade Missions

Customized Programs

- Platinum Key Service
- Advocacy & Trade Disputes
- Market Research

Market Research

- Market Research Library
- Country Commercial Guide (CCG)
- Due Diligence





U.S. Embassies Worldwide

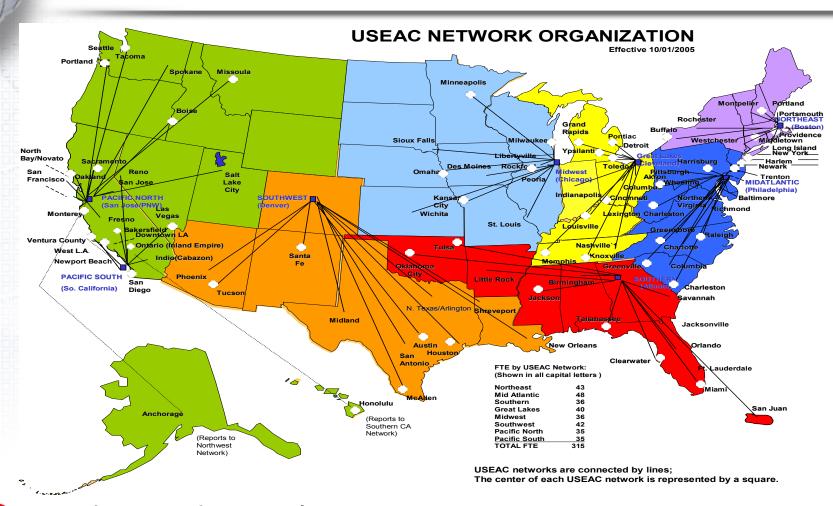


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