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Angola, IN has ranked 3rd in the 2023 Top Micropolitans List, the highest among ten communities ranked in Indiana this year and ranked the highest in Angola's history.

Angola, IN/Steuben County – Steuben County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) works annually with area businesses to help them make sound decisions on growth for their businesses. This growth typically comes in the form of investment in either new space/buildings and/or in new equipment. It is this investment that Site Selection Magazine watches and in turn rewards the communities for their hard work by placing them on this list. Angola, IN has been ranked 17 out of the last 18 years on this list of the Top 100 Micropolitans. The previous year's rankings are below with this year's ranking being the highest ranking ever for Angola, IN.

2023	3 rd
2022	Tied for 9th
2021	Tied for 10th
2020	Tied for 32nd
2019	Tied for 6th
2018	Tied for 10th
2017	Tied for 10th
2016	Tied for 18th

Site Selection's Conway Projects Database focuses on new corporate facility projects with significant impact, including headquarters, manufacturing plants, R&D operations and logistics sites, among others. It does not track retail and government projects, nor schools and hospitals. New facilities and expansions included in the analyses must meet at least one of three criteria: (a) involve a capital investment of at least US\$1 million, (b) create at least 20 new jobs or (c) add at least 20,000 sq. ft. (1,858 sq. m.) of new floor area.

In the magazine's ranking of Top Micropolitans - cities of 10,000 to 50,000 people which cover at least one county - Findlay, Ohio, once again was tops among the nation's 543 micropolitan areas, tallying 25 projects last year. Second place went to Cullman, Alabama (No. 3 last year), with Angola, Indiana, at No. 3, and then three communities finishing in a tie for fourth: Sidney, Ohio; Frankfort, Kentucky and Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Ohio once again led as the state with most Top



100 Micropolitans, with 15 of them, including five among the Top 10 and ties. Together, those 15 micros tallied enough projects (97) to account for more than one-fifth of the state's total. Georgia had 12 Top Micros for second place, while Indiana's 11 Top Micros took third place.

"We are proud to be ranked again as high as we are. This of course is not the sole work of the SCEDC, rather a culmination of efforts in large part led by the industries themselves. This award includes the public and private sectors efforts. Without those efforts, these possible investments don't happen. As a rural community, one may find it hard to compete for a list like this when assumptions are made about our potential for growth. We at the SCEDC will bank on Steuben County and its entirety every day of the week. When given the right resources to expand local businesses and attraction of new ones, we all are a part of those wins. Additionally, I am so pleased to see other Northeast Indiana communities on this year's list. I want to congratulate Adams, Huntington, Kosciusko, and Wabash County's for also being on this list. This is a great illustration of how our region is growing and should be a sign to all who might be in the market for sites or buildings. You should really consider Northeast Indiana." says SCEDC Executive Director Isaac Lee.

About Steuben Economic Development Corporation

The SCEDC is a 501-c (3) non-profit, private entity contracted to administer economic development activities within Steuben County and every municipality within its county borders. The mission of the Steuben County Economic Development Corporation is to lead economic prosperity through collaboration while strengthening employment opportunities to improve the quality of life in Steuben County. The Steuben County Economic Development Corporation's services are centered around key pillars of economic development: Business retention and expansion, business attraction, talent attraction & development, and the establishment of community development and growth. More information can be found on our website at www.steubenedc.com.

About the Site Selection Magazine

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