

Elwood-Senior Staffing can find experienced workers

Elwood Staffing and Senior Products initiated a partnership in May that provides more job opportunities to older workers, while providing employers access to an experienced and reliable talent pool.

Elwood Staffing is the largest temporary staffing company in Indiana and the 77th largest in the U.S. out of 10,000 staffing firms.

Senior Products, an award-winning national program operating as part of Senior Center Services, has offered employment services to older adults since 1960. The company also offers sub-contract manufacturing services and sells high-quality cotton wiping cloth to area business and industry.

Nationally, the number of work-

ers over age 55 has increased 46 percent since 2000. The number of workers age 65 or older has doubled since 1970, and the average retirement age has been going up in recent years. Surveys of the 75 million baby boomers consistently indicate that about three-quarters of them plan to work beyond traditional retirement age.

Bartholomew County work force projections for 2000 to 2030 anticipate that the "prime work force" (age 25 to 54) will decrease by 3,000 while the 65-plus population will increase by nearly 7,000.

Elwood-Senior Staffers work in a variety of settings, including manufacturing, clerical, service, maintenance,

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nance and even health related-related assignments. More recent applicants bring higher levels of technical and professional employment experience. Most are flexible regarding job assignments and are open to part-time, seasonal, project-oriented, job sharing and other creative responses

to today's work force challenges.

The partnership works simply. Older workers complete Elwood Staffing applications at the Senior Center, 148 Lindsey St. Elwood screens the applicants and is responsible for payroll and fringe benefits as applicants are placed in response to the needs of local

employers.

Employers interested in learning more about Elwood-Senior Staffing may contact Debbie Tolbert (debbie@seniorcenterservices.com), or Mike McCormick (mike@seniorcenterservices.com, or call 376-9241.