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WORK SET TO BEGIN UNDER FEDERAL GRANT FOR MARKLAND BUSINESS PARK

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Summer construction is set to begin at the Markland Business Park.

The work is funded by a grant from the US Economic Development Administration. Switzerland County has been awarded up to \$767,000 to develop infrastructure in the park. Work this summer will consist of the construction of a new entrance drive, including highway approaches, the upgrade of several interior roads, and completion of the park's storm sewer system.

The project was advertised for bids in late 2011 by the Switzerland County Redevelopment Commission. McAlister Excavating of Patriot was awarded the contract and will be performing the work.

The grant, originally announced in 2010, was the third investment the US Economic Development Administration (USEDA) has chosen to invest in the project. USED A funded the original feasibility study on the project in 1992. The federal agency also awarded a planning grant to the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation in 2007 to develop a marketing plan for the park.

Development of the Markland Business Park was begun in 2008. Since that time, the Switzerland County Redevelopment Commission has been overseeing the engineering, pre-planning and permitting needs to develop the park. The first business located at the Markland Business Park in 2009.

The Markland Business Park has already been certified as "Shovel Ready" by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. The EDA grant provides yet another tool towards attracting new business and industry into Switzerland County.

