

HONDA

A new North American Honda plant is under construction in Greensburg, IN. This facility will be more than 1 million sq. ft. under roof when completed and will include stamping, welding, painting, plastic injection molding, sub-assembly and assembly, testing, quality assurance and shipping.

PPMI was originally awarded a \$2.5 million contract in December 2006. By May 2008, PPMI will have completed over \$10 million worth

of work at this site. PPMI has completed the Paint Shop process drain piping, Assembly Building utility piping and is currently installing E-Coat, phosphate, and sludge system (primary and secondary utility piping) and equipment. Presently, our work at Honda employs 85 people. This has increased from an initial manpower of 17. Pipe fitters and Operators are being utilized.



Aerial view of partially completed Honda plant in Greensburg, IN.

Honda will start producing vehicles in Fall 2008. This job is being supported from our PPMI Louisville office.

JOHN ISRAEL AND LARRY BENTON RETIRE

The evening of January 31, 2008 marked the retirement party for both Larry Benton and John Israel. The event was held at Wolf's Restaurant in Henderson, KY with a wonderful gathering of about 60 family, friends, PPMI employees, retirees, and vendors. The catered meal was only one highlight. Stories and good wishes from all attendees made this evening a night of fun reminiscing.

John was one of the founders when PPMI began in July 1986. Most recently, John served as President and opened our Nashville office in 2006. Larry became an owner in 1994 and served as Vice president primarily responsible for the operations and estimating of Kentucky projects.

As a token of appreciation, Larry was given a TAGHeuer Swiss made watch and John received Swarovski binoculars .

So what are their plans for the future? Besides spending more time together, Larry and his wife, Janice, will be able to now spend more time with family. John and his wife, Marilyn, have plans to travel and see all those places they always wanted to. John is also already pursuing other activities that he has always wanted to do but never had the time.

At the party we heard many funny events that have happened to them over the years with PPMI. We wish them all the best luck for the future and many more laughable life moments!

Larry Benton and John Israel receiving their retirement gifts.



Larry Benton



John Israel

Have a story, picture, or other information to share? Please submit to the Evansville office.

BACK INJURIES

Back injuries and back pain can't always be prevented. In fact, 60 to 80 percent of the population in North America will suffer from back pain or injuries at some point during their lives. Some of the more commonly known contributing factors are the natural aging process, arthritis, degenerative disc disease, lack of physical activity or too much activity, and poor muscle strength. Here are a few hints to help prevent injuries.

- Always use material handling equipment, such as carts, hand trucks, and wheel barrows, when possible.
- Always use proper lifting techniques.
- Get as close to the object as possible.
- Position your feet and get a good grip.
- Lift straight up slowly, letting your legs do the work.
- Never twist or turn your torso with your feet planted.
- Remember to keep your butt down and your head up when putting the object down.

- When reaching for something small and light on the ground, kneel down on one knee while keeping the natural curve of your back.
- When reaching for something up high, keep your shoulders, hips, and feet facing the object.

Please remember back injuries not only affect you at work but also at home.

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VECTREN AB BROWN - POWER PLANT



Example of piping at the AB Brown Power Plant.

PPMI Construction was awarded a project in November 2007 to replace approximately 1000' of 20" seamless low pressure pipe along with 1000' of 24" HDPE low pressure pipe at

Vectrens AB Brown power plant. Also, 1000' of 10" seamless high pressure pipe along with 1000' of 12" HDPE high pressure pipe were run parallel to the 20" and 24". This plant is located near Mt. Vernon, IN.

The low pressure pipe brings ash pond water from the ash pond back to both generating units to supply make-up water for Vectren's ash jet pumps. The high pressure pipe supplies water for cleaning their filter belts out in the FGD (Flue Gas Desulfurization) buildings.

The new lines replace existing

systems which will be partially removed and abandoned in place.

The steel pipe is above ground and the HDPE pipe is buried underground. Two railroad tracks were crossed underground by a Jack and Bore Subcontractor. The project is scheduled for completion during a unit shutdown the first of March. The contract was for \$810,000.

This work was accomplished mostly by Local 136 Pipe Fitters. At the peak, manpower was at about 12 Pipefitters with Laborer and Operator support.

BUSINESS UPDATE

During the next several months, PPMI will be investing in technologies that will support our continued growth. Dedicated communication lines (T1) are currently being installed between our Evansville, Louisville, and Nashville branches. These communication lines will allow us to utilize our business system software at our branch locations. Simultaneously, a new phone system will be installed that will have voice mail, call forwarding, and many advanced features. Communications between our offices will be instantaneous and seamless.

Project Management software is under review and we expect to begin implementation mid-year. The system will be hosted in Evansville with access across the new, secure networks.

We have many new, upcoming projects that will be supported by these systems. Our Louisville office was just awarded a \$8.5 million mechanical package at the new Joseph Warren High School to be built in Bowling Green, KY. Nashville will begin a large chiller upgrade project worth \$2.7 million at the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in Murfreesboro, TN.

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