

Economic Spotlight: FORJAK Industrial

Circleville at its core

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Editor’s NOTE: *In an effort to bring more awareness of local businesses and economic development, The Herald has partnered with Pickaway Progress Partnership (P3) to share information about local economic development.*

In the heart of Circleville, FORJAK Industrial stands as a beacon of economic development blending hometown roots with a national footprint.

Founded in 2001 by Adam Logan, a Circleville native, FORJAK has become a powerhouse in the industrial services sector, boasting a diverse range of offerings through three divisions: Commercial Painting, Concrete Restoration, and Industrial Media Blasting and Paint Coatings.

FORJAK has secured major clients including the U.S. Military, global retailers, and real estate investment companies. To find more information on FORJAK, visit their website (<https://www.forjakindustrial.com/>) or their social media (<https://www.facebook.com/forjakindustrial/?fref=ts>).

FORJAK’s Commercial Painting division is a testament to its national reach covering territories from the state of Nevada to the state of Maine. Specializing in high-volume, low detail



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William Croley works inside FORJAK.

structures, like those on the Rick-enbacker Intermodal Campus.

The Concrete Restoration division focuses on revitalizing and restoring concrete on structural and manufacturing slabs, particularly in Walmart Auto Care Centers. This division also places emphasis on protective floor coatings in food service and chemical containment areas. Working in environments exposed to heavy machinery and oils, FORJAK not only delivers a finished product that looks great, but one that ensures longevity and protection against harsh elements.

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One distinguishing factor about FORJAK is its people-centric approach. The company places a strong emphasis on treating members well and promoting from within. Katie Logan-Hedges, FORJAK's Chief Operating Officer, joined her brother Adam in 2009. "FORJAK started in the Columbus area, so we were always the small fish in a large pond. As we have established our presence in Pickaway County, we have become a larger fish in a smaller pond, which has helped elevate our business and create more opportunities for growth and development." said Logan-Hedges.

A defining moment in FORJAK's journey was deciding to become a member owned company through an Employee Stock Ownership Program (ESOP). This unique approach empowers employees by giving them



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The FORJAK team

ownership in the form of shares of stock. FORJAK is now completely owned by the individuals who contribute to its success. Becoming an ESOP in July of 2023, speaks to the goals FORJAK has always had for its employees. "To have a member-owned company is not common.

Providing a wealth building opportunity to people of this community who are hardworking is really something incredible. What better way to give!" says Logan Hedges. FORJAK

exemplifies the symbolic relationship between business success and community development, making it a shining example of economic growth in Pickaway County.

Keep an eye on the Herald in the coming weeks to read our next spotlight highlighting fun and exciting Economic Development structures, like the Pickaway County Port Authority.

The information was submitted by Pickaway Progress Partnership, Pickaway County's economic development entity.