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Lufkin Industries official: Company plans to add 120 permanent jobs

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Lufkin Industries plans to hire 120 people over the next two months, according to a corporate official.

Brian Gifford, vice president of Human Resources, said that due to an uptick in the oil industry and some strategic moves by the company, Lufkin can take on the new employees full-time.

“This is not temporary,” Gifford said. “We are looking at this for the long haul. We’ve been working on this for some time. As soon as the economy turned around, we’re starting to see those results. We want to maintain our competitive advantage in the marketplace, and we want to take advantage of the growth in the industry.”

Lufkin Industries will be working hand in hand with Texas Workforce Solutions to find highly skilled workers. The company drew from previous employees and training has already begun, Gifford said.

Most of the business comes from the oil field side of the company, but Lufkin will be hiring positions in the power transmission division as well.

“We increased in business mostly in North America, but around the world, too,” Gifford said. “The real press with us is in the second half of the year. In order to deliver products in the second and third quarters, we need to hire now.”

Currently, Lufkin Industries employs 1,430 people in Angelina County. A jump of 120 employees would be significant, Gifford said.

For more information about employment opportunities, contact Texas Workforce Solutions at (936) 639-1351 or the Lufkin Industries Human Resources office at (936) 634-2211.

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