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Photo by Shawn Jarrard

Steve Grzesik is the sales manager of Panel Built's Welded Steel Building Division. Here he is inside a Panel Built building that, once completed, will reside on the United States' southern border.

grow 20 percent in employees a year, but revenue wise, and we've hit that. We're at about 23 percent for the last five years."

Over the last couple of years, Panel Built has experienced about a \$6 million payroll, which is a terrific boon for employees and their families, and also for the local economy.

The company employs 125 people in Union County and plans to do more hiring in the coming years as the business expands and continues to take on both private and government contracts.

Right now, employees at Panel Built's new facility are working on a number of prefabricated buildings for the large railway company CSX, as well as several ballistic-rated government guard booths that will be utilized on the border with Mexico.

"We've shipped products all over the world: Africa, South America, South Korea," said Steve Grzesik, sales manager for Panel Built's welded steel building division. "Customer satisfaction is No. 1, taking care of the customer's needs."

Added Kiernan: "Engineering, production, sales, HR, everybody - it is truly an entire company push to get it and make it happen. Our customers are pretty demanding, and our goal is to not let them down."

Panel Built also contracts with other local business owners, such as Steve Morlock of Outdoor Contracting Inc., who runs a staff of installers specializing in various trades.

"We support a lot of businesses in the area," said Grzesik. "We employ plumbing contractors, electrical contractors, locksmiths to come in and do work for us."

"We're a company that's always looking for who we can support in the community first before we start outsourcing beyond that."

Kiernan sits on the board of the Union County

Development Authority, and UCDA Executive Director Mitch Griggs said that Panel Built is one of those businesses that exemplifies the American dream.

"One hundred and

twenty-five families have food on the table because of the Kiernans at the end of the day," said Griggs.

The Welded Steel Division of Panel Built has been in operation for four

years, with customers including government, private industry, airports, nuclear power plants, refineries, chemical plants, and U.S. military facilities across the country and around the world.

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