



# Indiana

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Advancing the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Indiana Department of Labor Forms Safety Partnership on the Community Hospital East Campus Redevelopment Project**

INDIANAPOLIS (December 8, 2016) – Today, the Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) signed a strategic, site-specific occupational safety and health partnership with Pepper Construction Company of Indiana. The partnership covers the Community Hospital East Campus redevelopment project, which consolidates the existing hospital campus from 727,000 square feet into a more efficient 537,000 square feet.

The Community Hospital East Campus redevelopment project is valued at \$175 million. It is estimated that nearly 800 Hoosier construction workers will work on the project throughout its duration.

“The Indiana Department of Labor is excited to partner again with Pepper Construction,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner, Rick J. Ruble. “By proactively focusing on workplace safety and health leading indicators, together we can protect the state’s most valuable resource—our Hoosier workers.”

The IDOL’s strategic workplace safety and health partnership program embraces collaboration among employers, workers, labor representatives, and government. The partnership agreement focuses on leading metrics which proactively identify and ensure potential workplace safety and health hazards are corrected before a worker injury or illness occurs. As the construction manager, Pepper will serve as a mentor to all construction sub-contractors who engage in work at the project site.

“At Pepper, we believe that safety on the jobsite is the most important piece of having a successful project,” said Pepper Indiana President, Mike McCann. “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with the Indiana Department of Labor to continue being accountable in our safety measures.”

This site-specific workplace safety and health partnership will be in place through the completion of the Community Hospital East Campus redevelopment project, which is expected to be completed in late summer 2019. This is the second site-specific partnership the IDOL has signed with Pepper Construction. In 2009, the two organizations signed an agreement for the Parkview Regional Medical Center project, located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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**About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and voluntary compliance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter: [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook: [facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](https://facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor).

**About Pepper Construction of Indiana, LLC:**

With offices in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, Pepper Construction is a national general contracting and construction management firm that primarily serves the private sector. Indianapolis-based Pepper Indiana provides clients the experience and resources of a national company, combined with the hands-on approach of a local Indiana company.

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