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Indiana to Announce Initiative To Help Students and Employers Make More Informed Higher Education Decisions

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers will join state higher education leaders on Wednesday to announce Indiana's partnership with a new, national nonprofit which aims to better inform students, workers and employers as they search for higher education options. Once fully implemented, Credential Engine will provide online tools to help students and workers find, understand and compare credentials based on cost, location, time commitment, skills developed and industry requirements. Employers will be able to use Credential Engine to view skills earned through various degree programs and develop more accurate descriptions of their job opportunities. Through a statewide effort, Indiana is the first state to add a significant number of credentials to the Credential Registry.

WHO: Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education

Sue Ellspermann, President, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Ken Sauer, Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer, Indiana

Commission for Higher Education

WHAT: Launch of Indiana's partnership with Credential Engine

WHEN: 2 p.m. (EST) Wednesday, December 13, 2017

WHERE: Regions Tower, 5th Floor

211 N Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Free parking with voucher at Regions Tower garage on Ohio Street

AGENDA: 2 p.m. – Registration and Media Availability with Teresa Lubbers and Ken Sauer

2:30 p.m. – Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Teresa Lubbers

2:35 p.m. – Leadership Perspective, Sue Ellspermann

2:45 p.m. – Overview of Indiana's Scale-Up of Credential Engine, Ken Sauer

2:55 p.m. – Credential Engine Use Cases for Nursing, Military Training, Apprenticeships,

NextLevel Jobs, Career Exploration, and more

The entire launch will be livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/user/learnmorein.