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Subject: STATE OF INDIANA NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM – DISPARITY STUDY
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Dear business owners and industry representatives:

The Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA), Indiana Department of Transportation and public colleges from across the state are conducting a disparity study related to their procurement and contracting procedures. The study will include accounts from business owners and industry representatives about working in Indiana and whether or not they have experienced discrimination based on race, ethnicity or gender in the Indiana marketplace. The agencies and public colleges participating in the study will review that information as they consider future implementation of the State's MBE/WBE/DBE programs.

In connection with the study, IDOA is hosting a public forum where vendors, contractors and other industry representatives can share personal experiences and other information relevant to procurement and contracting in the state. The public forum will be held on:

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the following location:

Indiana Government Center South

Conference Center - Auditorium

402 W. Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Attendees of the public forum will have the opportunity to share their experiences about a number of topics relevant to doing business in Indiana, including:

- Obtaining work or contracting opportunities with state and local government agencies, public colleges and other local establishments;
- Identifying opportunities to work as a prime contractor or as a subcontractor;
- Starting or expanding a business;
- Obtaining financing, insurance and bonding; and
- Whether or not discrimination affects businesses in the state.

Individuals who are interested in participating in the public forum do not have to attend for the entire duration — they are welcome to share their comments and leave at their convenience. Individuals who would like to submit additional information or cannot attend the public forum are encouraged to submit written comments to IDOA via traditional mail, fax or email (the deadline to submit written comments has been extended to Monday, February 22, 2010):

Indiana Department of Administration
Minority & Women's Business Enterprises
RE: Disparity study public comments

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402 W. Washington St., Room W479
Indianapolis, IN 46204
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The State of Indiana strongly encourages your participation in the public forum — your comments are greatly valued. Should you have any questions about the public forum, please contact the Minority & Women's Business Enterprises Division at 317.232.3061.