



Entrepreneurial Development Institute

Another EDI has come and gone, and all I can say is “What a class!” The theme of this year’s EDI was Transformation. We had an engaged and energetic class from a mix of backgrounds, coupled with W.C. Benton & Associates always stellar combination of class work, real-life experiences from top-notch speakers, and dedicated participation from our INDOT staff. For those of you who don’t know, The Entrepreneurial Development Institute (EDI) is the Economic Opportunity Division’s signature business development class and is presented by WC Benton & Associates. It not only provides guidance for day to day operations, such as accounting, scheduling, bidding, and fraud control, but also focuses on larger business analysis and development concepts, with a healthy dose of how to position your business to succeed with INDOT.

EDI also highlighted several excellent speakers and guest instructors, from INDOT Commissioner Brandye Hendrickson and Statewide Asset Management Engineer John Weaver to nationally recognized Safety expert Professor Fabian Tan to teamster and accounting Professor Richard Murdoch.

The class ended with addresses from our statewide federal highway director Rick Marquis and several of the EDI graduates. We would like to thank W.C Benton and Associates for putting on such a stellar program, our INDOT personnel who made time to come speak and assist our EDI students, and for the participation and dedication of our EDI graduates.