

# 15th Annual Division of Supplier Diversity Business Conference "Taking You to the Next Level"

Friday, October 13, 2023 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Indiana Government Center South
Conference Center
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204



### Welcome

Thank you for joining us at the 15th Annual Division of Supplier Diversity Business Conference - Taking You to the Next Level!

Throughout the year, our Division plans and participates in several educational programs, webinars, and workshops that are specifically designed for the development of diverse business owners and their companies

Our theme - Taking You to the Next Level - focuses on leveraging your certification with information and tools that can help your business grow and thrive. The B2B Expo gives our existing and potential certified businesses, community partners, corporate leaders, and supplier diversity advocates an exceptional opportunity to connect with each other.

We appreciate the time you have taken to participate in today's conference! We hope you use this as an opportunity to network, succeed, and prosper!

Kind Regards, IDOA Division of Supplier Diversity



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# **Conference Agenda**

#### Registration

Indiana Government Center South, Conference Center

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

#### **Conference Stations**

- Professional headshots
- Virtual business cards
- Continental breakfast

IGCS Studio Room D Rooms 1 & 2

#### **Opening Ceremony**

**Auditorium** 

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

#### **Welcome Remarks**

- Kesha Rich, Deputy Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration, Division of Supplier Diversity
- Dr. Rebecca Holwerda, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration
- Gregory Wilson, Chairman, Governor's Commission on Supplier Diversity and Executive Director, Indiana Civil Rights Commission

#### **Presentation of Awards**

Cassondra Wilson Ignite Award

• Recipient: Gudelia (Paula) Sours - Vision GPS Branding LLC

Ralph W. Adams, Jr. Supplier Diversity Trailblazer Award

• Recipient: Michael Morrison - Vincennes University

#### **Workshop Rewind - Enhancing Your Capability Statement**

Conference Rm. 22

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

• Join the Indy Chamber - Business Equity for Indy (BEI) team and learn how to position yourself for success enhancing your capability statements.

#### **B2B Expo - Next Level Networking**

Atrium & Conference Rms. A-C

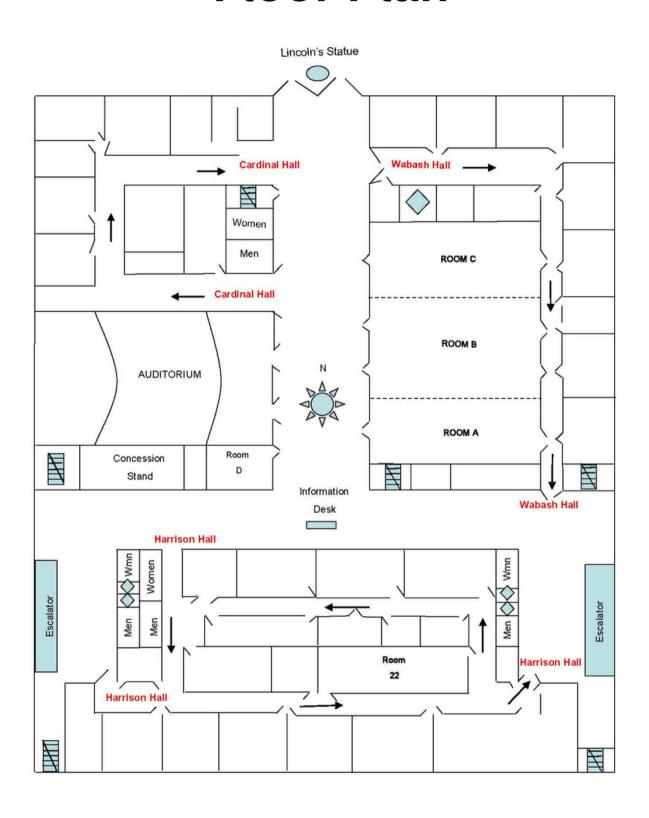
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

• Lunch - starting at 11:15 a.m.

**Rooms 1 & 2** 

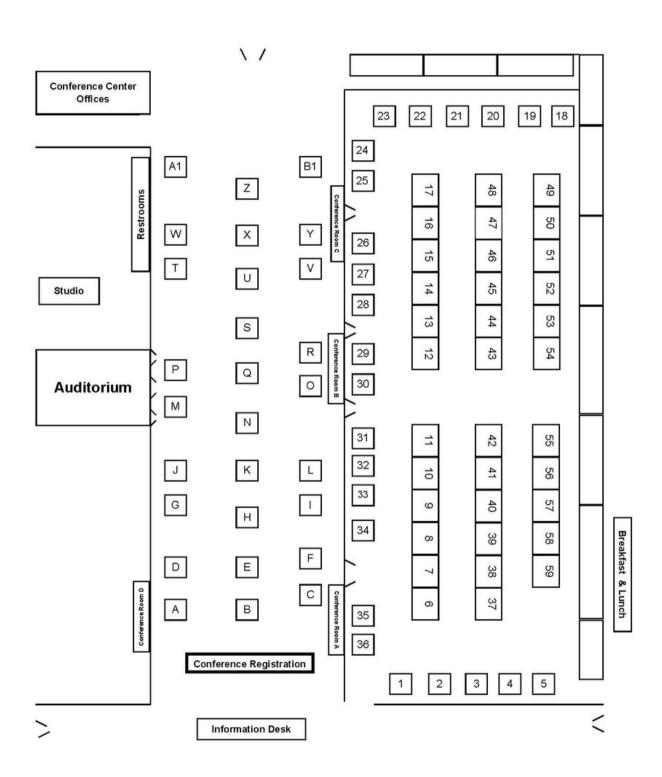


# Conference Center Floor Plan





# **B2B Expo Layout**





### **B2B Vendors**

#### Spotlight Vendors in the Atrium:

- A. AarVee Associates LLC, DBA Image 360 Indy NW
- B. Consistent Care Transit LLC
- C. Cretia Cakes
- D. Design the Sky, LLC
- E. DiversiFind, LLC
- F. GreyPrint Consulting
- G. Donatians, LLC
- H. Integrity Benefit Partners LLC
- I. JAM Printing & Promotions
- J. One Hill Technologies, LLC
- K. Lionfish Cyber Holdings, LLC
- L. Majesty Hair Care System, LLC
- M. Market Square Popcorn LLC
- N. MP's Towing and Transport, LLC
- O. O'Neil Staffing Solutions, LLC
- P. Professional Management Enterprises Inc.
- Q. RADCUBE LLC
- R. Rite Quality Office Supplies, Inc.
- S. Shar's Hair DBA Shar's Medical Supplies
- T. Paradise Spreads
- U. V24 Works
- V. Visions GPS Branding, LLC
- W. Twistie Bandz LLC, DBA YoBandz LLC
- X. Trident Systems LLC
- Y. Keramida Environmental, Inc., DBA Keramida, Inc.
- Z. J Carmody Incorporated, DBA Applicables
- A1. Managed System Solutions
- B1. Reborn Software Solutions, Inc.,
  - **DBA Wellcrafted Consulting**

#### Partners & Vendors in Conference Rms. A-C:

- 1. AES Indiana
- 2. Citizens Energy Group
- 3. Duke Energy
- 4. Indiana Michigan Power
- 5. NiSource, Inc
- 6. City of Indianapolis Office of Minority and Women Business Development
- 7. Cummins Inc.
- 8. Indianapolis Airport Authority
- 9. Indiana Department of Transportation
- 10. Indiana Economic Development Center
- 11. Indy Chamber Business Equity for Indy
- 12. A Breath Of Life LLC
- 13. Ability Indiana, Inc.

- 14. 14. Alpha Health & Wellness LLC
- 15. C-CAT, Inc.
- 16. Cozy, LLC DBA Cozy Lifestyle Interiors
- 17. Delicate Delites Bake Shop LLC
- 18. Elecra LLC DBA Elecra Lighting & Energy Solutions
- 19. ETI Performance Improvement, Inc.
- 20. FASTSIGNS
- 21. Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana
- 22. Holliday Collaborative Agency LLC
- 23. Hot Shot Staffing LLC
- 24. Intrinz
- 25. KPMG LLP
- 26. LMS2 LLC
- 27. M. J. Schuetz Insurance Services, Inc.
- 28. Ball State University
- 29. Indiana University
- 30. Indiana State University
- 31. Ivy Tech Community College
- 32. Purdue University
- 33. University of Southern Indiana
- 34. Vincennes University
- 35. Four Winds Casino
- 36. Hollywood Lawrenceburg Casino
- 37. Indianapolis Public Library
- 38. IndyGo
- 39. IU Health
- 40. National Association of Women Business Owners
- 41. U.S. Small Business Administration
- 42. Kali Systems LLC, DBA C. Garcia Associates
- 43. Corporate Commercial Group
- 44. Nubian Construction Group
- 45. Brown Design & Workflow Creations LLC, DBA PMPhase
- 46. Rauch, Inc.
- 47. Regina L. Warren, MBA Financial Advisor
- 48. RD Filip Inc.
- 49. Goldleaf Promotional Products
- 50. Russell and Peckinpaugh Business Services Group LLC
- 51. RepuCare, Inc.
- 52. Clover LLC
- 53. Saipro Systems LLC
- 54. Sari-Heart Foundation Inc.
- 55. Tellis Enterprises, Inc.
- 56. The Painted Pose
- 57. Thomas & Reed, LLC
- 58. Vonzetta's Lavish Hair Boutique
- 59. We the Veterans of Indy, LLC



## **Award Recipients**

#### Cassondra Wilson Ignite Award Gudelia (Paula) Sours

Growing up as a migrant farmworker, the second of 11 siblings, and raised by a single parent (her awesome mother, Maria), Paula always knew that there was something else she was called to do. Without God and all of those who mentored her in life, Paula does not think she would be where she is today. For many years, she was told: "you can't, you do not look the part, and you don't have a voice." Graduating from the SPARK Program at St. Mary's College has given Paula the courage and strength to step out and do what she has dreamt of for many years along with all mentors and people who have imparted in her life. Now, she walks standing straight, with confidence in the room to say: "Yes, I can. I have a voice, and look out world, here I come."

Because of those who heard her voice and helped her, she is now the current President of NIMBA (Northern Indiana Minority Business Association). She is involved in the following roles: Latin American Chamber of Commerce, SPARK Facilitator, past President of Roseland Rotary, AMA, MWIC, Women Build, Shield of Faith Ministries, and a Latina Women-Owned Business. Gudelia brings over 25 years of experience to obtain what customers need for their projects. Should you need help with your forms, promotional items, or marketing, she is here to find the best solution for you. Showing up for those who do not have a voice!



Congratulations Gudelia (Paula) Sours with Visions GPS Branding LLC!

# Ralph W. Adams, Jr. Supplier Diversity Trailblazer Award Michael Morrison, Director of Procurement Vincennes University

Michael Morrison is the Director of Procurement and Risk Management for Vincennes University. Now in his 11th year with the University, he is responsible for contract administration, federal and state compliance, fixed assets, and identifying, developing, and maintaining supplier diversity. Morrison is a graduate of North Knox High School in Bicknell, Indiana. He is a veteran and is proud to have served in the United States Air Force. While serving, he earned an associate degree in Electronic Systems from the Community College of the Air Force and a bachelor's degree in Marketing Management from Park University. Morrison is also an alumnus of VU.

Morrison's professional career includes serving as the VP/Commercial Loan Officer for German America Bancorps in Vincennes. He honed his skills at purchasing through his role as Purchasing Director and then Account Manager for The AME Group, formerly Advanced Micro-Electronics, Inc., a Vincennes-based I.T. solutions company with an immensely diverse client list. He continues to use his vast business experience as Business Administrator for Robinson Excavation & MTR Farms in Vincennes. Morrison has served as a Board Member of the Knox County Economic Development Corporation, 20 years as the Treasurer for the Knox County Visitor Bureau, and has served on various Chamber of Commerce committees throughout the years. When he isn't processing purchase orders and reviewing contracts, Morrison enjoys traveling internationally and the experience of learning about different cultures, gardening, and mowing the lawn.



Congratulations Michael Morrison with Vincennes University!



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