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# **Indianapolis Economic Development Officials Seek Job and Investment Opportunities During European Trade Mission**

INDIANAPOLIS (April 15, 2010) – Scott Miller, CEO of Indianapolis Economic Development, Inc. (IEDI) and Courtney Poulos, IEDI’s international economic development director, will leave Friday for a trade mission to Europe in search of jobs and investment to benefit Indianapolis. The two will join a delegation from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the Indy Partnership. The trip will include stops in Germany and England.

“Europe provides investment and job opportunities for the city of Indianapolis because of its leadership in energy, defense, and motorsports,” said Miller. “This trip will allow us to strengthen relationships with local companies already doing business in Europe and forge new relationships with companies who are seeking business opportunities in the U.S.”

The delegation will attend the Hannover Messe Trade Show in Hannover, Germany, a global exhibition focused on renewable and conventional power generation, transmission and distribution. During the show, the delegation will have meetings with potential investors in the industrial sector and will host an event aimed at showcasing the city’s and state’s economic assets.

On April 25, the delegation continues to England, where meetings will be conducted with representatives from the defense, aerospace, biotechnology and electric vehicle industries. S. Michael Hudson, retired Rolls-Royce North America executive, will be the keynote speaker at a U.S. and Indiana Aerospace and Defense Seminar co-sponsored by the West of England Aerospace Forum, Bristol International and United Kingdom Trade & Investment. On the evening of April 27, the group will host a reception for leading executives.

In addition to IEDI representatives, Miller and Poulos, the delegation will also include:

Chad Pittman, Indiana Economic Development Corporation  
S. Michael Hudson, Rolls-Royce North America (Retired)  
Bill Petranoff, Duke Energy  
Kristie McKillip, Indy Partnership  
Dale Buuck, Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership  
Corey Carr, Columbus Indiana Economic Development Board  
Erin Newell, Indiana Economic Development Corporation

The delegation returns to Indianapolis on May 1.

This trip follows a November 2009 trip to Europe made by Mayor Greg Ballard and IEDI representatives, which focused primarily on motorsports. This is the second trade mission in 2010 for IEDI. The first trip was to Brazil in March. The next scheduled trip will be a return trip to China in June.

For updates throughout the trip, check the IEDI blog at <http://blog.indianapoliseconomicdevelopment.com/>.

### **About IEDI**

Indianapolis Economic Development, Inc. is Marion County's local economic development organization. IEDI is dedicated to providing business attraction; existing business retention and expansion; and location services in Indianapolis/Marion County, serving as a catalyst for capital investment and quality job growth. IEDI is led by CEO Scott Miller and a nine-member board of directors appointed by Mayor Greg Ballard.

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