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State Launches GIS Site Search Tool

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 23, 2010) - The Indiana Economic Development Corporation today announced that it has launched a new site and building database, powered by a geographic information system (GIS), to provide companies, site selection consultants and economic development professionals access to real estate and demographic information needed to make expansion or relocation decisions.

The site provides tools that allow visitors to view available properties and search by square footage, use, cost and available infrastructure. In addition, corresponding demographic reports such as labor force, wages and consumer spending can be created directly from the site.

"From our smallest towns to our largest cities, there is a location for every type of business in Indiana and now companies looking to expand or relocate will be able to easily access all of the data they need to make informed decisions," said Mitch Roob, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the IEDC.

According to research from the University of California, 98 percent of corporate real estate professionals and business site selection consultants use economic development organizations' Web sites to evaluate the quality of a location for business investment.

"By developing an online, easy to navigate portal for property information, Indiana is affirming its responsiveness to corporate site seeker needs," said economic development adviser Adam Prager, president of Prager Company.

"The Indiana Economic Development Corporation's new site and building database provides economic development organizations with a state-of-the-art resource to effectively compete for new jobs and investment," said Bob Grewe, president of the Dubois County Area Development Corporation.

Web-based demonstrations of the new statewide sites and buildings database will be hosted on [Feb. 26 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST](#) and [March 4 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST](#). To register, please click the link associated with the day you intend to view the online demonstration.

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