

The Indiana Guide to State Agencies



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AGRICULTURE AGENCIES

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The vision of the State Department of Agriculture is for Indiana agriculture to be a global leader in innovation and commercialization for food, fuel and fiber production.

Contact Information:

One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-8770 www.in.gov/isda

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

The purpose of the Board of Animal Health (formerly the office of the State Veterinarian) is to enhance Indiana's economy by protecting Hoosiers' investment in animal agriculture, wildlife, horses and companion animals; to protect public health by preventing and controlling the spread of animal diseases; to maintain a vital link in a safe food supply through state meat, poultry and dairy inspection programs; and to help people and their animals who are victims of large-scale disasters.

Contact Information:

Discovery Hall, Suite 100 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205 317-544-2400 www.in.gov/boah

OFFICE OF INDIANA STATE CHEMIST

The Indiana State Chemist is charged with administering several agricultural laws involving seeds, fertilizers, animal feeds and pesticides. The goals of these laws are to ensure truth-in-labeling, food safety, user safety and protection of our environment.

Contact Information:

Purdue University 175 S. University Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907 765-494-1492 www.isco.purdue.edu

INDIANA STATE FAIR

In 1851, the Indiana General Assembly passed an act "to encourage agriculture," which also included the formation of a State Board of Agriculture. The primary goal of the Board was to create the first Indiana State Fair. In 1852, Indiana became the sixth state to begin holding a state agricultural fair. The State Fair has been located in Indianapolis for the majority of its 145-year existence, but other Indiana cities hosted the event in the 1800s. The State Fair takes place in August every summer.

Contact Information:

1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205 317-927-7500 www.indianastatefair.com

INDIANA GRAIN BUYERS AND WAREHOUSE LICENSING AGENCY

The mission of the Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing Agency (IGBWLA) is to reduce risk to grain producers. The agency has oversight of nearly 280 licensees. This includes over 470 facilities with a more than 521 million bushel storage capacity. The IGBWLA provides four license types: grain bank, warehouse, grain buyer and buyer/warehouse.

Contact Information:

One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-8770

www.in.gov/isda/divisions/indiana-grain-buyers/

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is Indiana's lead economic development agency. In order to respond quickly to the needs of businesses, the IEDC operates like a business. The IEDC is organized as a public-private partnership governed by a 12-member board. The IEDC focuses its efforts on growing and retaining businesses in Indiana and attracting new businesses to the state.

Contact Information:

One North Capitol Ave., Suite 700, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-8800 www.iedc.in.gov

SERVE INDIANA

Serve Indiana advances service and volunteerism by informing, connecting and promoting opportunities and resources that enrich the lives of Hoosiers through several programs and initiatives including AmeriCorps State, Indiana Kids, Day of Service Grants and the Awards for Excellence Ceremony.

Contact Information:

10 N. Senate Ave., Room SE206, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-234-8845 www.in.gov/serveindiana

GAMING COMMISSION

The Indiana Gaming Commission licenses and regulates riverboat gambling in Indiana and ensures compliance with applicable statutes, rules and regulations in a manner that promotes the integrity of gaming, and the best interest of the State of Indiana and its citizens. The Gaming Commission does not regulate the Lottery, horse racing, charity gaming (bingo/raffles), illegal gambling outside of riverboat casinos, or hunting and fishing licenses.

Contact Information:

101 W. Washington St., East Tower, Suite 1600 Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-0046 www.in.gov/igc

HORSE RACING COMMISSION

The Horse Racing Commission focuses on regulating the parimutuel industry in Indiana. The Commission oversees Hoosier Park, Indiana Downs and satellite locations. The commission also provides information on Indiana's standardbred, thoroughbred and quarter horse breed development programs.

Contact Information:

1302 N. Meridian St., Suite 175, Indianapolis, IN 46202 317-233-3119 www.in.gov/hrc

INDIANA LOTTERY COMMISSION

The State Lottery Commission of Indiana is composed of five members and was created by Indiana law to oversee the operation of the Lottery. The commission acts as an advisor to the Executive Director making recommendations regarding the operations and management of the Hoosier Lottery.

Contact Information:

1302 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 800-955-6886 www.hoosierlottery.com/who-we-are/commission

INDIANA DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) was formed by the Indiana Legislature in 2019 to promote Indiana as a great place for living, visiting, learning, and earning. The IDDC became incorporated on July 1st, 2020. The Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD) evolved into the new organization, creating a seamless experience for our tourism and talent attraction partners.

Contact Information:

One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN 46204 www.in.gov/iddc/tourism

INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY & RURAL AFFAIRS

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), formerly the Indiana Rural Development Council, works with local, state and national partners to provide resources and technical assistance to aid communities in shaping and achieving their vision for community and economic development. The agency awards grants to fund public gathering places, fix water/sewer infrastructures, restore historic structures, build community facilities and revitalize commercial districts. These funds help communities improve their quality of life and ensure the health and safety of their citizens.

Contact Information:

Northwest: 317-694-8372 Northeast: 317-741-2264

East Central: Vacant

Southwest: 317-760-5097 Southeast: 317-690-9736 West Central: 317-233-3762

www.in.gov/ocra

INDIANA COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MALES

The mission of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males is to study the social conditions of the state's black male population, develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and make recommendations to improve the educational, social, economic, employment, and other circumstances for Hoosiers. The ICSSBM continues to address the challenges confronting Black males while trying to aid in decreasing the problems they face in the areas of Criminal Justice, Education, Employment, Health and Social Factors.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Room N103, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-1744 www.in.gov/icssbm

WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

The Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, representing the Wabash River Heritage Corridor, shall protect and enhance the natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources and encourage sustainable development of the corridor. This will be accomplished by stimulating public interest, encouraging the exchange of information, and supporting the establishment of common goals and cooperative actions of people and communities within the Wabash River Heritage Corridor.

Contact Information:

Department of Natural Resources, Bob Bronson, 317-232-4075 www.in.gov/wrhcc

INDIANA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Indiana Commission for Women encourages full participation of women in all aspects of society in order to make Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family. The commission also represents Indiana's commitment to understand the needs of Indiana women and their families, and to work strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive solutions.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Room N300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-6720 www.in.gov/icw

WORKER'S COMPENSATIONS BOARD

The Worker's Compensations Board helps citizens by providing efficient dispute resolution for injured workers and helps employers by administering both formal adjudication and informal dispute services. The board also serves the public by answering inquiries regarding the Indiana Worker's Compensation system; and to collect statistical information regarding workplace injuries in Indiana.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., Room W196, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-3009 www.in.gov/wcb

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) serves the worker and the employer to ensure workplace success. DWD is committed to innovating and invigorating Indiana's economic future. Primary services include WorkOne Centers, unemployment insurance, labor market information, regional workforce strategies and professional training opportunities.

Contact Information:

10 North Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-6702 www.in.gov/dwd

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL AGENCIES

INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION

The Indiana Arts Commission's mission is to positively impact the cultural, economic and educational climate of Indiana by providing responsible leadership for and public stewardship of artistic resources for all of our state's citizens and communities.

Contact Information:

100 North Senate Avenue, Room N505, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-1269 www.in.gov/arts

INDIANA ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

The Indiana Archives and Records Administration (IARA), formerly the Indiana Commission on Public Records, assists state and local governments in the efficient and secure management of governmental records by providing services throughout the life cycle of records, including creation, use, storage and disposition.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., Room W472, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-3380 www.in.gov/iara

INDIANA HISTORICAL BUREAU

The Indiana Historical Bureau provides publications, programs, and other opportunities for Indiana citizens of all ages to learn and teach about the history of their communities, the state of Indiana, and their relationships to the nation and the world. The Indiana Historical Bureau administers the Indiana Historical Marker Program.

Contact Information:

140 North Senate Ave., Room 130, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2535 www.in.gov/history

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

The Indiana State Library is responsible for providing library services to state government; providing for the individual citizens of the state those specialized library services not generally economical or available in other libraries of the state; encouraging and supporting the development of the library profession; and strengthening services of all types of libraries. The Indiana State Library has strong collections in the fields of Indiana history, culture, state government and genealogy.

Contact Information:

315 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 317-232-3675 www.in.gov/library

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

The Indiana State Museum preserves, interprets and presents material evidence of Indiana's cultural and natural history in a context that encourages people to actively participate in discovering their world – as it was, as it is and as it can be.

Contact Information:

650 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-1637 www.indianamuseum.org

INDIANA WAR MEMORIALS

The Indiana War Memorial Plaza Historic District contains two museums, three parks, and 24 acres of monuments, statues, sculptures and fountains in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. It is also home to the national and state headquarters of the American Legion. The War Memorial Commission operates these facilities to commemorate the valor and sacrifice of the United States Armed Forces and especially to honor Hoosier veterans and Indiana's role in the nation's conflicts.

Contact Information:

55 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN, 46204 317-650-9058 www.indianawarmemorials.org

EDUCATION (K-12) AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education oversees education for children in kindergarten through grade 12 in the state. The agency has an extensive website to answer questions on education, resources, state standards, licensing and more.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-6610 www.in.gov/doe

INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Established in 1847, The Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired offers preschool through high school programs, free of charge on a residential or day school basis, to the young people of Indiana who are blind or visually impaired.

Contact Information:

7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46240 317-253-1481 www.in.gov/isbvi

INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The Indiana School for the Deaf is a fully accredited state-sponsored school for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in nursery school through high school. ISD offers a full range of social activities, including sports, clubs and organizations, as well as outreach services throughout Indiana for parents, families and local school corporations.

Contact Information:

1200 E. 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46205 317-550-4800 www.deafhoosiers.com

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS AND LICENSING (OEEL)

Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing, formerly the Division of Professional Standards, is responsible for educator licensing, testing, induction, assessment and continuing education as well as the accreditation of Indiana teacher preparation units. The mission of the Office is to establish and maintain high standards for licensing educators to work in Indiana's P-12 schools.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 232-9010 www.doe.in.gov/educators/educator-licensing

HIGHER EDUCATION AGENCIES

INDIANA EDUCATION SAVINGS AUTHORITY

The Indiana Education Savings Authority serves as the governing board of the CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan SM (formerly known as the Indiana Family College Savings Plan). The authority is a 9-member board comprised of representatives of several state agencies and other individuals as appointed by the Governor.

Contact Information:

One North Capitol Ave., Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-234-8500 www.in.gov/tos/iesa

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the educational missions of public colleges and universities; plan and coordinate Indiana's state-supported system of post-secondary education; review budget requests from public institutions and the State Student Assistance Commission; and approve or disapprove for public institutions the establishment of new programs or expansion of campuses.

Contact Information:

101 West Ohio St., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-464-4400 www.in.gov/che

BOARD FOR PROPRIETARY EDUCATION

Board for Proprietary Education, formerly the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education, is charged with authorizing all accredited Indiana proprietary institutions that grant degrees, as well as all accredited proprietary degree-granting, out-of-state institutions that offer instruction in Indiana. In addition, the Board is charged with protecting and informing the public at large. These functions are carried out by the Commission through a student complaint process and by providing information to the public about authorized institutions.

Contact Information:

101 West Ohio St., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-1033 www.in.gov/bpe

ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADJUDICATION

OEA serves Indiana's citizens and environment as the ultimate authority to provide independent, fair and efficient resolution of disputes to decisions made by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management via administrative adjudication when necessary, and via mediated case resolution when appropriate.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Room N103, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-0850 www.in.gov/oea

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management was established in 1986 to oversee and implement federal and state regulations regarding the environment. The department issues permits and pursues enforcement action when violations occur that would harm the health of Indiana's air, land and water.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204 800-451-6027 (toll free) or 317-232-8603 www.in.gov/idem

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Indiana Natural Resources Commission is an autonomous board that addresses issues pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources.

Contact Information:

100 North Senate Ave., Room N103, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-4699 www.in.gov/nrc

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The mission of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is to protect, enhance, preserve and wisely use natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of Indiana's citizens through professional leadership, management and education.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-4200 www.in.gov/dnr

WHITE RIVER STATE PARK COMMISSION

This commission oversees White River State Park. White River State Park has cultural, educational and recreational attractions to offer something interesting to each visitor. The Park is home to the Indianapolis Zoo, White River Gardens, Indiana State Museum, IMAX® Theater, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, NCAA Hall of Champions, Victory Field and the Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial.

Contact Information:

801 West Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-2434 www.whiteriverstatepark.org

EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

INDIANA ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The mission of the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations is to create effective communication, cooperation and partnerships between the federal, state and local units of government to improve the delivery of services to the citizens of Indiana.

Contact Information:

334 N. Senate Ave. Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-278-1345 iacir.ppi.iupui.edu

INDIANA ELECTION DIVISION

Under the bipartisan direction and leadership of the Indiana Election Commission, the Election Division governs the fair, legal and orderly conduct of elections in the State of Indiana.

Contact Information:

302 W. Washington St., Room E204, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-3939 www.in.gov/sos/elections

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

The Department of Insurance enforces statutes and regulations applicable to the operation of approximately 1,780 insurance companies, the issuance of policies, the handling of complaints and the dissemination of public insurance information.

Contact Information:

311 W. Washington St., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2385 www.in.gov/idoi

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

The Department of Labor works to make Indiana businesses clean and safe, and wages fair and competitive. This is accomplished through efforts in the areas of INSafe, Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Child Labor, Wage and the Bureau of Mines.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., Room W195, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2655 www.in.gov/dol

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AGENCY

The Professional Licensing Agency provides support services to Indiana's professional licensing boards and commissions in order to facilitate the delivery of competent consumer services by regulated professionals to the citizens of Indiana.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., Room W072, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2980 www.in.gov/pla

DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Division manages almost all of the building construction and maintenance projects for the State of Indiana. This includes evaluation of construction proposals for feasibility, project design, advertising, public bids, contract awards and contract management.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., W467, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-3001 www.in.gov/idoa/state-property-and-facilities/public-works

OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR

It is the responsibility of the Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor to represent Indiana consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education and creative problem solving.

Contact Information:

115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2494 www.in.gov/oucc

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (Commission) is an administrative agency that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the Commission is required by state statute to make decisions in the public interest to ensure the utilities provide safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.

Contact Information:

101 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 E, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2701 www.in.gov/iurc

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) protects children from abuse and neglect. DCS does this by partnering with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing and stable homes.

Contact Information:

302 W. Washington St., Room E306, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-234-5437 www.in.gov/dcs

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Indiana Department of Health supports Indiana's economic prosperity and quality of life by promoting, protecting and providing for the health of Hoosiers in their communities. This agency provides public health notices and vital records.

Contact Information:

2 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-1325 www.in.gov/health

FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration works with Indiana's families, children, senior citizens, people with disabilities and people with mental illness to provide services that promote self-sufficiency, independence, prevention, health and safety.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 www.in.gov/fssa

Important Toll-Free Numbers

| Adult Protective Services | 1-800-992-6978 | Division of Family Resources | 1-800-403-0864 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Child Abuse Hotline | 1-800-800-5556 | Hoosier Healthwise for Children | 1-800-889-9949 |
| Child Support Bureau | 1-800-840-8757 | Medicaid Recipient Info | 1-800-457-4584 |
| Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services | 1-800-962-8408 | Mental Health Consumer Service | 1-800-901-1133 |
| Domestic Violence | 1-800-799-7233 | Missing Children | 1-800-831-8953 |
| Family HelpLine | 1-855-435-7178 | Nursing Home Complaints | 1-800-622-4484 |

INDIANA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES

The Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities (GCPD) improves the lives of people with developmental and other disabilities in Indiana by strategically funding grants, influencing public policy and training people with disabilities and their family members to more effectively communicate and advocate for themselves and their communities. GCPD works to ensure that people with disabilities can live independent and productive lives in the community with the supports and services that they need to maximize their potential.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., Room E145, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-7770 www.in.gov/gpcpd

INDIANA TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION

The Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Board exists to prevent and reduce the use of all tobacco products in Indiana and protect citizens from exposure to tobacco smoke. The vision of the Board is to significantly improve the health of Hoosiers and to reduce the disease and economic burden that tobacco use places on Hoosiers of all ages.

Contact Information:

2 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 317-234-1787 www.in.gov/isdh/tpc

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Since its establishment in 1945, the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs has remained focused on aiding and assisting Hoosier veterans, and qualified family members or survivors, who are eligible for benefits or advantages provided by state and the federal government. Indiana owes a great debt to its veterans, past and present, for their personal sacrifices and dedicated service.

Contact Information:

777 N. Meridian St. Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-3910 www.in.gov/dva

LEGAL AND CORRECTIONS AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

The Indiana Department of Administration is an umbrella agency that provides support services to other state agencies to help assure the smooth functioning of state government. The agency manages activities relating to state purchasing, the motor pool fleet, state travel, real estate leases, property disposition and the Government Center Campus, among others. The department also provides assistance to Minority and Women's Business Enterprises interested in state contracting opportunities.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., W478, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-3150 www.in.gov/idoa

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION

The Alcohol and Tobacco Commission works to regulate and limit the manufacture, sale, possession and use of alcohol and alcoholic beverages and to regulate the sale, possession and distribution of tobacco products.

Contact Information:

302 W. Washington St., Room E114, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2430 www.in.gov/atc

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Indiana Civil Rights Commission enforces Indiana civil rights laws and provides quality education and services to the public in an effort to ensure equal opportunity for all Hoosiers and visitors to the State of Indiana.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Room N300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 800-628-2600 www.in.gov/icrc

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

The Department of Correction oversees the state's prison system. It attempts to protect the public by operating facilities and programs in a safe, secure, effective and accountable manner. The Indiana Department of Correction's website contains valuable information and resources.

Contact Information:

302 W. Washington St., Room E334, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-6984 www.in.gov/idoc

INDIANA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

The State Ethics Commission has jurisdiction only over state employees under the executive branch of government and its administrative agencies. The Commission does not have jurisdiction over state legislators, private attorneys, city and county officials, judges, private persons or lobbyists. The Commission conducts investigations of ethics violations by state employees, provides classroom and online ethics training, and renders formal and informal ethics opinions for state employees.

Contact Information:

315 West Ohio St., Room 104, Indianapolis, IN 46202 317-232-3850 www.in.gov/ig/commission

INDIANA DISABILITY RIGHTS

Indiana Disability Rights is the service arm of the Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services Commission. It was established to protect and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities through empowerment and advocacy. Their vision is to live in a society where persons with disabilities are free from abuse and neglect, are free to be effective self-advocates, and are free of discrimination; allowing for full inclusion in society.

Contact Information:

4755 Kingsway Dr., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46205 800-622-4845 (toll free) or 317-722-5555 www.in.gov/idr

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR

The Public Access Counselor position was created in order to give advice and assistance concerning Indiana's public access laws to members of the public and government officials and their employees. The Counselor will provide written advisory opinions in response to formal complaints so long as there is no pending judicial proceeding under the Indiana Open Door Law (governing meetings of public agencies) or the Indiana Access to Public Records Act (governing records of public agencies) on the same matter. The Counselor may also respond informally to your questions and complaints about public access to meetings and records of public agencies by telephone, e-mail or letter.

Contact Information:

402 W. Washington St., Room W470, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-9435 www.in.gov/pac

INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL

The Indiana Public Defender Council is a state judicial branch agency established in 1977 as a support center for attorneys who represent indigent criminal defendants in Indiana. The mission of the Council is to improve legal representation provided at public expense in state courts in Indiana. The Council does not provide legal representation.

Contact Information:

309 W. Washington Street, Suite 401, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2490 www.in.gov/ipdc

PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The Department of Homeland Security coordinates activities that protect the public peace, health and safety, and preserve the lives and property of the people of the state of Indiana. The department provides a range of public safety services including emergency management, emergency medical services, building safety and fire protection, as well as safety training.

Contact Information:

302 W. Washington St., Room E208, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2222 www.in.gov/dhs

DIVISION OF FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY

The IDHS Division of Fire and Building Safety investigates suspicious fires, promotes prevention, administers building plan review, enforces fire and building safety codes in all public buildings, coordinates emergency services and hazardous material response, and oversees and conducts inspections of child care facilities, boilers and pressure vessels, elevators, and amusements.

Contact Information:

302 W. Washington St., Room E241, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2222 www.in.gov/dhs/2375.htm

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

The IERC is a division of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The commission is charged with supervising and coordinating the activities of Indiana's 92 local emergency planning committees along with various record-keeping duties.

Contact Information:

302 W. Washington St., Room E241, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Ian Ewusi: 317-695-2119

Sarah Chaney: 317-671-4924 Dawn Mason: 317-694-3263 Madison Roe: 317-671-0981 www.in.gov/dhs/2362.htm

INTEGRATED PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

IPSC's mission is to facilitate statewide public safety communications. IPSC provides interoperable and reliable public safety communications systems to all Hoosier first responders and public safety professionals for use during routine, emergency and task force situations. Our goal is to strengthen community safety and security by minimizing the financial and technological barriers to interoperable communications through interagency cooperation.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Room N825, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-234-1540 www.in.gov/ipsc

TAX AND FINANCE AGENCIES

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

The State Board of Accounts audits the financial statements of all governmental units within the state, including cities, towns, utilities, schools, counties, license branches, state agencies, hospitals, libraries, townships, and state colleges and universities. The agency renders opinions on the fairness of presentation of the various units' financial statements in accordance with the same professional auditing standards required of all independent audit organizations.

Contact Information:

302 W. Washington St., Room E418, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-2513 www.in.gov/sboa

STATE BUDGET AGENCY

The State Budget Agency is charged with the duty and responsibility of serving as fiscal analyst, administrative budget officer, fiscal forecaster and fiscal policy adviser to the Governor.

Contact Information:

200 W. Washington St., Room 212, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-5610 www.in.gov/sba

INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY

The IFA is authorized to issue revenue bonds payable from lease rentals under lease agreements with various state agencies and to finance or refinance the cost of acquiring, building and equipping structures for state use. The IFA also manages the Wastewater and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program and the Indiana Brownfields Program.

Contact Information:

One North Capitol, Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-4332 www.in.gov/ifa

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Department of Financial Institutions supervises commercial banks, trust companies, private banks, savings banks, building and loan associations, credit unions, and finance companies incorporated under the laws of Indiana. It also oversees pawnbrokers, licensees under the Indiana Small Loan Act, industrial loan and investment companies, money transmitters, check cashers, budget service companies, and rental-purchase agreement companies.

Contact Information:

30 S. Meridian St., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 800-382-4880 (toll free) or 317-232-3955 www.in.gov/dfi

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

The Department of Local Government Finance is responsible for ensuring property tax assessment and local government budgeting are carried out in accordance with Indiana law. The department is charged with publishing property tax assessment rules and annually reviewing and approving the tax rates and levies of every political subdivision in the state.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., N1058B, Indianapolis, IN 47204 888-739-9826 (toll free) or 317-232-3777 www.in.gov/dlgf

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

The Indiana Board of Tax Review impartially reviews determinations by local assessing officials or county property tax assessment boards of appeal concerning: (1) the assessed value of tangible property; (2) property tax deductions; or (3) property tax exemptions. The Board also reviews assessment determinations made by the Department of Local Government Finance

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Room N1026, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-3786 www.in.gov/ibtr

TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES

BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles oversees all of the state's license branches, state drivers' licenses and permits, vehicle titles, and more.

Contact Information:

100 N. Senate Ave., Room 402, Indianapolis, IN 46204 888-692-6841 www.in.gov/bmv

PORTS OF INDIANA

The Ports of Indiana is a statewide port authority, created by state legislation in 1961, charged with "promoting the agricultural, industrial and commercial development of the state" by establishing modern port facilities.

Contact Information:

150 W. Market St., Suite 450, Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-232-9200 www.portsofindiana.com

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The mission of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is to build, maintain and operate a superior transportation system enhancing safety, mobility and economic growth.

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