

# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

## Workforce Survey, Health Care Event

Two issues that Indiana Chamber of Commerce members continue to emphasize – workforce skills and the economic development implications of health care – will be featured in early 2016.

The ninth annual Indiana Chamber Foundation statewide workforce survey, sponsored by WGU Indiana, will be coming to your inbox soon. In addition, the Indiana Chamber Foundation will team with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on a half-day *Indiana Health Means Business* forum on February 5.

Past survey insights on workforce development challenges and opportunities have been critical to policy development as well as Indiana Chamber Foundation research and programming. Aggregate results to the brief survey are used to inform policy and decision-makers.

The 2016 survey will feature expanded information about your experiences with business internships. The Chamber’s Indiana INTERNnet program – which serves as a central resource for employers, educators and students – will use these survey results to evaluate expanding its programming to help meet the state’s growing demand for internships.

“It is important that we hear the voice of Indiana employers – and for educators and workforce development professionals to partner with businesses to help meet their needs,” says Alisa Deck, the Chamber’s director of college and career readiness. “Addressing the skills gap and preparing both students and current members of the workforce for the next phase of their careers is essential. We appreciate the valuable time and input of our members in sharing their experiences.”

The February 5 *Indiana Health Means Business* forum (8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) at the Indiana Chamber Conference Center will feature state and national guest speakers, panel discussions and audience engagement on community health priorities.

One of 10 such events around the country, the forums seek to leverage the influence of businesses to empower individuals and communities through education, employment and income. The goal: creating a healthier Indiana.

“This forum aligns perfectly with the Chamber’s *Indiana Vision 2025* goals and our efforts at the Wellness Council of Indiana (WCI),” shares WCI Executive Director Chuck Gillespie. “We look forward to bringing business and community leaders together to hear valuable strategies and share their perspectives.”

Space is limited to the first 150 registrants. Reserve your spot at [www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1788450](http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1788450) or contact Laura Bliss ([lbliss@indianachamber.com](mailto:lbliss@indianachamber.com)) for additional information.

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