

Growing Indiana – Now and in the Future

What does your organization have planned for 2012? At the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, we sincerely hope that many more businesses and individuals are able to move from the “surviving” mode that has been far too prevalent in recent years to one of “thriving” – adding jobs and enhancing companies and communities.



In this issue, we include two major initiatives – one that hopefully reaches a positive conclusion in a very short time period; the second is a long-term effort with a direct impact on our state's future. We also offer in-depth looks at the upcoming Indiana General Assembly session from several perspectives and a special report on health care. The latter is a 20-plus page section with news and analysis focused on health care costs and features that detail groups and individuals making a difference in the health care world.

On the major initiative side of the equation, if you haven't heard about right-to-work (page 20) to this point – you will soon. It quite simply is the one single step that can best help attract and retain jobs in our state. In fact, a web site devoted to information and outlining ways for you to get involved is aptly titled www.morehoosierjobs.com. Indiana General Assembly leadership has already identified this as the top priority of the 2012 legislative session.

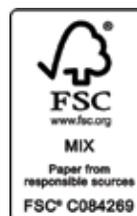
On the much longer horizon is the Chamber-led *Indiana Vision 2025* (page 14) plan. As the name suggests, this is a roadmap for Indiana in the years ahead. The mission statement reads: “Indiana will be a global leader in innovation and economic opportunity where enterprises and citizens prosper.”

The work in developing an initial plan is complete. Now the equally lengthy process of going out around the state, listening to local and regional leaders about their own priorities, identifying common areas of partnership and making this a plan that is truly owned and embraced throughout Indiana is under way. You can help make the vision a reality in the months and years ahead.

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