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Reporting Unclaimed Property Attorney General Offers Amnesty Program

When I took office in January 2009, I realized (while finding rightful owners of unclaimed property) that some of our businesses didn't understand or know about their legal obligation to report. That is why my office is offering a one-time only amnesty program to allow businesses that are holding unclaimed property to come into compliance with Indiana's Unclaimed Property law (Indiana Code § 32-34), without being assessed interest and penalties.

Indiana's Unclaimed Property law requires businesses to report and deliver assets they hold in which they have not been able to locate the owner.

Our office is increasing and expanding audit procedures to enforce Indiana's Unclaimed Property law. Under amnesty, businesses have an opportunity to comply before enhanced auditing begins.

The penalties for failing to file a report are \$100 per day the report is late, up to \$5,000.

Not all businesses have unclaimed property, but they still have an obligation to report – even if it's a zero (no property) report. Amnesty will expire on November 1, 2010.

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IT, Employee Teamwork Collaboration Required for Effective Security

As your business grows, employees and customers are added to your network, and maintaining the integrity of your technology system should be a major area of focus. Information technology (IT) departments may become overwhelmed with preventing security issues, and engaging employees in this process is a great way to alleviate the stress.

While some technical initiatives such as setting group security policies should be left to the pros, advances in technology make it easy for employees to be involved. By collaborating, employees and the IT department can create a secure and effective technology system.

Employees can help by taking precautions, creating secure passwords and listening to reminders. The IT pros have the responsibility of maintaining protection and setting boundaries.

Having an effective Internet security system requires the collaboration of both parties, so take the time to speak with both your IT department and employees to help identify potential security breaches before they happen. By working proactively together, your IT department and your employees will help your business function better than ever.

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Strengthening the Pipeline School, University Expand Partnership

Big changes are happening at the Gary Community School Corporation (GCSC). While facing the problems that ail many urban school districts – high dropout rates, low test scores and absenteeism – it looks to the future with school redesign plans, technology initiatives and assistance from Indiana University-Bloomington's Center for P-16 Research and Collaboration.

Since 2006, the Center has nurtured a partnership with GCSC – one that remains responsive to the changing needs of the school corporation and its students. The goal of the partnership and mission of the Center is to increase graduation rates, as well as the number of students prepared for postsecondary education and the 21st century workforce.

The most important school-based way to meet these goals and boost student achievement, according to a well-established body of evidence, is to enhance teacher quality. In all partnership activities, GCSC and the Center focus on ways to prepare, recruit and retool effective teachers.

Rather than delivering short-term services driven by a university's research agenda, the Center listens to the needs of the corporation and responds with customized support.

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