

## Taking Part and Turning Up the Technology

**T**ime and technology. Those are the two key words as you read this issue of *BizVoice*.

The time element involves taking a few minutes to vote in the November 2 general election. Rapidly declining turnout numbers, even in presidential election years, are troubling. Government impacts business in Washington, Indianapolis and your hometown. You have the right and responsibility to help determine who is representing your interests at each level.

*BizVoice* previews an intriguing gubernatorial contest and offers insight into some of the factors that are impacting Indiana elections. Jean Wojtowicz, our 2004 chair of the Chamber board of directors, takes a more thorough look at the role of business in the electoral process in her Guest Column on Page 19.

Technology is the focus of many Chamber initiatives and the impetus for helping the state grow its economy today and into the future. *Economic Vision 2010*, the Chamber's long-range economic development plan, has helped generate positive change and attention to areas of weakness for more than five years. *BizVoice* (Pages 34-35) sets the stage for the release of the fifth *Economic Vision 2010 Report Card* later this year.

Companies and technologies benefiting from a stronger Indiana business climate are featured in this issue. Two Indiana operations are already leaders in helping the visually impaired enjoy a higher quality of life and be productive members of the workforce. In addition, the important effort to expand broadband service throughout the state is getting a new player in electricity power lines. This will hopefully be part of the solution that helps Indiana companies compete on a global basis.

The Chamber has emphasized technology concerns in recent years, including the formation of task forces on advanced manufacturing and venture capital. The introduction of technology committees in the Indiana House and Senate has paved the way for new initiatives and attention on key issues.

Thus, there is another link between time and technology. Do your part by voting and those lawmakers may, through their work, help your company by addressing the technology needs of the business community.



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