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News Release

INDIANAPOLIS (February 18, 2011) - Develop Indy will lead a delegation of business leaders to Australia in search of business and collaborative research opportunities to help grow the Indianapolis life sciences industry. The delegation will meet with executives, university representatives and government officials in Sydney and Melbourne between February 18th and 27th.

"Australia is a global leader in the life sciences industry with hundreds of companies producing highly-innovative technological and manufacturing solutions for medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and other products. We think there are real opportunities for international partnerships in research and development and the potential to recruit Australian firms to Indianapolis," said Scott Miller, CEO of Develop Indy.

In addition to a series of meetings throughout the week with companies that are seeking business opportunities in the United States, the delegation will be given the opportunity to address audiences at three important events.

On Monday, the law firm of Davies, Collison, Cave will host a luncheon for business leaders in Melbourne during which members of the delegation will present information on the opportunities Indianapolis offers foreign companies. Dr. Anna Lavelle, CEO of AusBiotech Ltd., a trade organization representing more than 3,000 members of the life sciences industry, will serve as the event's chairperson.

Later in the week the delegation will present to a group of executives during a life sciences luncheon and networking reception in Sydney hosted by the law firm of DibbsBarker. Later that evening, U.S. Consul General, Niels Marquardt will host the delegation, executives from Australian companies, and Indiana University alumni at the "Friends of Indiana" reception at his home. The reception is sponsored by Indiana University.

Members of the delegation include:

Bryce Bennett, Jr., Riley Bennett & Egloff, LLP

Bob Chew, President, Commissioning Agents, Inc.

Nancy Langdon, Develop Indy

Quake Pletcher, Executive Director, Hoosier Oncology Group

Delegate Bob Chew, will travel on to Auckland, New Zealand following his time in Australia to speak to the sister organization of AusBiotech, NZBIO, at a workshop regarding contract manufacturing for bio-based industries.

Indiana Economic Development Corporation assisted Develop Indy in coordinating logistics for the trip. The mission is being funded by private donations.

About Develop Indy

Develop Indy is Marion County's local economic development organization. Develop Indy is dedicated to attracting new businesses, retaining and expanding existing businesses and serving as a catalyst for capital investment and quality job growth in Indianapolis/Marion County. Formed in 2007, Develop Indy is led by CEO Scott Miller. For more information on Develop Indy, visit www.developindy.com.

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