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Organization to Present Green Business Series

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Green Business Network (GBN) will kick off the Green Business Networking Series this week in downtown Indianapolis. The panel discussion and networking event will focus on stimulus funds and governmental grants available for Indiana energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy projects. Thursday's event is the first of three that GBN will conduct through the end of the year.

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Press Release

On Thursday, June 11, the Green Business Network (GBN) will present a Green Business Networking series event at the Columbia Club located on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis. The event is the first of three that GBN will conduct through the end of 2009.

By means of panel discussion and networking, this event will focus on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding (ARRA) and governmental grants available on federal, state and local levels for Indiana energy efficiency, energy conservation, and renewable energy projects.

The event will begin with registration from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. with a panel discussion immediately following. Panel speakers include Paul Krievins of the Indiana Housing and Community Development

Authority, Rick Wajda of Indiana Builders Association, Ryan Asberry of Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and Kären Haley with Indianapolis Office of Sustainability.

Ryan Asberry - Assistant Vice President of Indiana Economic Development Corporation will give an overview of Indiana ARRA stimulus funds and the selected priorities for the state. In particular, Mr. Asberry will be discussing Federal competitive grants opportunities for Indiana innovative projects.

Paul Krievins – director of weatherization program for the state of Indiana will be talking about \$131,847,383 in stimulus funds for Indiana weatherization program. Mr. Krievins will be discussing Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority training for individuals who are interested in becoming contractors for the State’s Home Energy Conservation Program. This training is provided to interested contractors with experience in insulation, HVAC, and energy efficiency upgrades. Mr. Krievins will be also informing the audience about the need in and available training for weatherization auditors. These individuals are responsible for home inspections, including attic and crawl space evaluations, diagnostic testing, energy audits, and composing work orders.

Rick Wajda - Chief Executive Officer of Indiana Builders Association will be speaking about contractors/suppliers eligibility requirements that will be involved in the weatherization program implementation.

Kären Haley - Director of Indianapolis Office of Sustainability. Miss Haley will give a brief overview of the stimulus funds for the city of Indianapolis. In particular, Haley will be discussing proposed funds allocation for \$8,032,300 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the U.S. Department of Energy:

- * Bike Lanes-funding of future segments of the SustainIndy BikeWays Plan.
- * Building Retrofits-energy retrofits of city-owned and operated facilities, including the City County Building.
- * Renewable Energy Generation- potential projects include installation of solar and wind powered street lights, wind turbines and solar panels at city facilities.
- * Green Building Fund-establishment of a no interest loan program for qualified green projects in the private sector, including non-profits.
- * LED Traffic Signals-conversion of the City’s remaining conventional traffic signals to energy efficient LED technology.
- * Green Roofs-installation of green roofs at City facilities

From 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., the panel will be available for questions.

This GBN program seeks diversity in its attendance, which will include corporate leaders, business professionals, business owners, local policymakers, educators, and local media persons. Promptly following the discussion, GBN has reserved two full hours for event guests to engage in green networking. This special opportunity will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00.

Guests can pre-register for \$35, but tickets are also available at the door for \$40. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Indiana Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and the Hoosier Environmental

Council. Registration includes a Columbia Club catered heavy hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will also be available. Valet parking is provided for \$12.

To register in advance, **visit <http://indianagreenbusiness.eventbrite.com>**, contact Lena Lucas at lana@myhomegreenpages.com

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