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# INDIANA'S GREAT SOUTHWEST

the new frontier for talent and business

Governor Pence visits Indiana's Great Southwest, for ceremonial signing of Regional Cities bill



Signature School was host to Governor Mike Pence's ceremonial signing of House Bill 1001 which provides full funding of \$42 million for talent attraction projects for Southwest Indiana as well as two other regions. Expanding Signature School's Science Center to

accommodate additional students is one of the projects set to enhance the region to attract talent while building a national brand.

[View Indiana's Great Southwest full plan here.](#)



## Why the Coalition supports the United Leasing & Finance Championship

Next week, Southwest Indiana will be in golf's spotlight with the televised broadcast of the United Leasing & Finance Championship web.com Tour. If you have watched any of the previous coverage on the Golf Channel, you will quickly see that this is a four-day infomercial about Victoria National and Southwest Indiana as the tournament is distributed to more than 193 countries and territories with more than 2.9 million viewers tuning into coverage in the U.S. alone.

Events that give Southwest Indiana this much concentrated positive exposure help the Coalition market to places that would otherwise be financially impossible. Through the Coalition's sponsorship, Indiana's Great Southwest invites site selectors to play in the Tropicana ProAm and experience not only one of the best golf courses in the country, but a few of the region's other assets. The feedback is always positive about the event, the

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Economic Indicators

Manufacturing:  
Number of jobs

### Within Indiana

Indy-Carmel - 90,857  
Evansville - 22,828  
Ft. Wayne - 35,209  
S. Bend-Mishawaka - 17,596

### Peer Communities

Chattanooga, TN - 32,173  
Davenport-Moline, IA - 25,778  
Peoria, IL - 24,483  
Spartanburg, SC - 28,165

Source: BLS Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages, 2015, Q3

region and especially the people.

[For more information on the United Leasing & Finance Championship](#)

The championship broadcast schedule on the GOLF Channel is:

April 28 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 April 29 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 April 30 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 May 1 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## Community Development - Funding Opportunities for Communities

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has announced that there will be two funding rounds in 2016 for communities interested in pursuing Community Development Block Grant funding. Projects that communities can use these funds for include: drinking water infrastructure installation / enhancements; waste water infrastructure installation / enhancements; storm water infrastructure installation / enhancements; construction of community facilities (including community centers and fire departments); demolition of blighted properties; and initiatives that develop “enhanced places.”

If your community has a need for grant assistance to address any of these types of projects, or even projects that are not specifically included in the list above, please contact [Carol Hagedorn](#) or [Karen Conia](#) with the Community Development department (812-423-2020). They can help determine if a grant opportunity will work in your community.

### LEARN GREEN FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs is conducting training for municipalities to learn about green infrastructure.

Learn how green infrastructure can be incorporated into municipal projects to reduce flooding and improve water quality and how this may make your OCRA Stormwater Improvement Program (SIP) grant application more competitive.

Training is free and intended for elected officials and public employees. You may

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attend the entire day or just the session of greatest value to you.

Training is available at these locations:

Winamac, IN - September 17, 2015  
 Jasper, IN - October 22, 2015  
 Muncie, IN - November 5, 2015  
 Columbia City, IN - April 27, 2016  
 Terre Haute, IN - June 2, 2016

Questions?

ocratraining@cbbel-in.com or call 317-266-8000

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