Mayor Announces Launch of Contracts, Boards and Commissions, and Lobbyist Registration Online Portals

INDIANAPOLIS -- Mayor Greg Ballard today announced three new online service components to www.indy.gov. The Boards and Commissions feature, a searchable contracts database, and a searchable lobbyist database are designed to improve and streamline the process by which the public can access information and interact with City government.

“Citizens deserve the highest level of service we can provide when it comes to accessing information,” said Mayor Ballard. “Each of these three online features is significant in that it sets a higher standard for interacting with local government and seeing exactly how tax dollars are being spent.”

Indy.gov/boards is a web feature that provides information about all Boards and Commissions in Indianapolis, including a directory of boards and commissions, information about the administering agency or department, lists of members, their expiration dates and appointing authorities. It also provides a link to the administering authority and the statute or ordinance that creates the board.

Indy.gov/contracts is a free, searchable database of all city and county contracts dating back to January 1, 2008, with work underway to extend that time period back to 2004. Beginning July 1, 2010, all new contracts must be scanned and uploaded within 21 days of completion. This launch marks the City’s first comprehensive, online contracts database.

Indy.gov/lobbyist is the next step in a series of ethics reforms initiated by the administration, including a registration requirement for all lobbyists engaging in lobbying activity with the City and county. This searchable database provides citizens easy access to information regarding individuals and/or organizations lobbying local government.