INDIANAPOLIS – The Mayor’s Office is currently accepting applications for the 10th Annual Mayor’s Celebration of Diversity Awards (MCOD). The awards will be presented to businesses and organizations throughout Marion County that embrace, celebrate, and apply holistic inclusion and participation of a diverse people, making the workplace a better environment in which to work and the community a better place in which to live, work and raise a family.

Recognition will be given for outstanding performance, in one or all of the following four (4) categories: 

**Community Relations** - Activities that encourage and support diversity in the community; **Development** - Opportunities for diversity strategies within the organization; **Leadership** – Vision develops and supports diversity strategies throughout the organization; **Workforce Diversity** – Diversity representation in the workplace.

Also, the top award given is the special Sam H. Jones Award, named in honor of the first president of the Indianapolis Urban League, who was a tireless advocate for peace, justice and racial understanding. It recognizes a business or organization with exemplary performance in all four categories, the “Best of the Best”.

Nomination forms are available online at: [http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Diversity/Diversity_Award/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Diversity/Diversity_Award/Pages/home.aspx) or by calling 317-327-5091. Nominations may be submitted online or postmarked by Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

The 2011 MCOD Award winners will be honored and recognized at this year’s 10th Anniversary Celebration of Diversity Awards Luncheon that will be held Friday, January 21, 2011 at the Marriott-Downtown.

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