MAYOR ANNOUNCES COMPLETE LIST OF YOUTHWORKS INDY 2010 EMPLOYERS
Summer Employment and Education Program Invests $2.8 Million in Local Youth

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today announced the complete list of 26 employers participating in the 2010 YouthWorks Indy program, a $2.8 million employment and education program administered by the Indianapolis Private Industry Council (IPIC) using federal stimulus and workforce investment funds designated for employment and training. The program provides work readiness and summer jobs for nearly 600 Indianapolis youth.

Mayor Ballard toured an area of Methodist Hospital that is host to one of more than 100 work sites for the program, which combines education, work readiness and work experience. All participants are current high school students or out-of-school youth seeking a GED or industry credential.

“YouthWorks Indy participants not only earn a paycheck, but they receive important on-the-job training and instructional classes that help close education gaps that can become barriers to future job opportunities and college options,” said Mayor Ballard.

At a press conference attended by YouthWorks Indy participants beginning their employment phase of the program, Ballard recognized Clarian Health and the 25 other local employers partnering with IPIC to offer work assignments at more than 100 sites: Allied Barton, Best Buy, Community North, CREW Technical Services, CVS, City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works, Esources Resources LLC, Finch Constructors Inc., First Advantage, Goodwill Industries, HomeGoods, Humbles Electrical Maintenance Service LLC, IA Services Inc., Indianapolis Public Schools, Indy Parks and Recreation, IUPUI, LCP Transportation LLC, Macy's Corporate Services Inc., Nubian Construction Management, Peerless Pump, Rehab Restoration Center Inc., Ryan Consulting, St. Vincent Health, the Stacey Toran Foundation Inc., and Thomas Telecom.

More than 20 participants are assigned to the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works and Indy Parks and Recreation.
The YouthWorks Indy summer enrichment program operates from June through August 2010. In its second year, the program is available to residents of Marion County who are ages 16-24, enrolled in high school, a high school graduate or equivalent, or out of school seeking a GED or industry credential.

Clarian Health is providing on-the-job training to 15 YouthWorks Indy participants at Methodist Hospital, IU Hospital, Riley Hospital for Children and Gateway Plaza. The participants are performing clerical and office duties, cafeteria food preparation, cashier and tray service, and building maintenance, among other responsibilities. Prior to starting their work assignments this week, the participants completed work readiness training and GED or other instructional classes.

“As an employer, we recognize that it is to our advantage, as well as that of the local economy, to ensure the next generation is prepared by offering practical work experience and developing employment skills,” said Ron Stiver, Senior Vice President of Engagement and External Affairs for Clarian Health. “The demand for programs and collaborations such as YouthWorks Indy are vital to the health, safety and well-being of our community.”

Other employers offer information technology-related duties such as staffing a help desk and providing customer service, wiring, computer services and software installation; clerical duties including filing, data processing and document scanning; building painting and maintenance; outdoor painting and landscape maintenance; retail sales and stocking; and general warehouse work.

YouthWorks Indy participants receive an hourly wage of $8.50 for work up to $340 per week and an educational stipend of $50 per class session up to $250 per week, which covers transportation and meals, and are eligible for additional financial incentives for program completion. Participants can earn a total of between $2,100 and $2,800 for the summer depending on the program.

“The program’s unique combination of work and educational credentials maximize the opportunity for long-term success among participants by putting the youth on track to receive specific educational credentials to ensure successful education and job prospects,” said Brooke Huntington, President and CEO of IPIC.

All educational sessions and work assignments will be completed by August 6, 2010. A list of education providers and program highlights are outlined below:

**In-School Students**

**Indianapolis Public Schools:** assisting in-school students with remedial and for-credit classes in English and Language Arts at Washington and Broad Ripple high schools. Students attend classes for three weeks and are placed at a job site for three weeks in addition to completing a one-week job readiness training course. In 2009, IPS participated in the YouthWorks Indy program and this year increased the number of teachers-to-student ratio.

**Indianapolis Metropolitan High School:** assisting in-school youth enrolled in the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) program by offering remedial and for-credit instruction in Algebra II, Geometry, and English II. Students receive work-readiness training and are placed in summer job assignments.

**Metropolitan Indianapolis Central Indiana Area Health Education Center (MICI-AHEC):** assisting youth with training and certifications in CPR, first aid, and Health Insurance and Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) and placing students in jobs at medical/health care sites. This component achieved 100 percent completion rate in 2009 and was expanded this year.
**STEM Club at IUPUI:** assisting juniors and seniors by offering an organizational behavior class equivalent to three college credits and exposing the participants to STEM-related occupations.

**Out-of-School Youth**

**MSD Washington Township:** assisting out-of-school youth working toward a GED. Participants receive 160 hours of instruction at community and continuing education sites, after which they may take the GED test. They are placed in job assignments and receive work-readiness training.

**IA Services:** assisting out-of-school youth in technical training with certifications in print/copier maintenance, fiber installation, and an A+ certificate. Participants receive work readiness training and are placed in IT-related jobs in local firms for on-the-job experience.

For more information, please visit [www.youthworksindy.org](http://www.youthworksindy.org).

###