CITY TO HOLD TWO-DAY EMPLOYMENT FAIR FOR EX-OFFENDERS

INDIANAPOLIS – (August 1, 2008) In continuation of the Mayor’s efforts to integrate ex-offenders into the Indianapolis community, the City of Indianapolis will hold a two-day employment fair for ex-offenders.

About 5,000 ex-offenders re-enter Indianapolis and Marion County every year. Helping them get a new job is just one way to ensure that they will become productive members of the community and not return to prison.

The two-day job fair will take place August 4th and 5th at Ivy Tech Community College at Fall Creek and Meridian. The first day will include ex-offender workshops focusing on such topics as resume building and how to market skills and abilities. The second day and will feature an employment fair with companies from all over Indianapolis.

“We want to give them the tools so that even if they don’t come away with a job, ex-felons can come away knowing that their felonies do not define them,” said Mayor Ballard.

This is a city-wide collaborative effort. IndyGo is offering free weeklong passes for ex-felons attending the employment fair.

The Ballard administration recently announced Indianapolis Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy would serve as the Chairperson of Indianapolis’ ex-offender re-entry effort.

The Employment Fair takes place Monday, August 4th from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM and Tuesday, August 5th from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Main Building on the Ivy Tech campus at Fall Creek and Meridian. For more information on the Job Fair or to arrange interviews, contact Director of Re-Entry Khadijah Muhammad at 697-2457.

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