

from the desk of Milo Miller



Dear Friends:

It is my privilege to be a part of this magazine as, not only a Jay County Commissioner, but as the Chair of all the groups of County Commissioners representing Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne counties, as well as the Mayors of our County Seats of Hartford City, Muncie, Connersville, New Castle, Portland, Winchester, Rushville, and Richmond and the Liberty Town Council President.

As elected officials it is our responsibility to appoint the directors of the Regional Workforce Board, to carry out the important task of providing leadership for the planning and development of the workforce of Indiana's Economic Growth Region 6. This magazine represents the work and dedication of our Regional Workforce Board in Economic Growth Region 6.

Workforce Development, when it is effective, provides services to youth to become better prepared as our future workforce and to adults who are looking for work or looking for a better job. The more people in our Region who have jobs and who get better jobs means more taxes which are paid that can increase the services government can provide or can reduce taxes paid because public resources have increased.

I helped appoint our Workforce Board and I am pleased that the Board has made this commitment to our community, our employers and our citizens by creating a publication that promotes the services available right here in Region 6 through the WorkOne Centers. In addition, it is clear that an effective working relationship between economic development and the Regional Workforce Board is imperative for our future success.

Looking at national site consultant surveys you will see that, consistently, the availability of a trained workforce ranks in the top two considerations when choosing where to expand or locate their business. Having eight local WorkOne Offices within Region 6 dedicated to serving employers, as well as employee needs is important in leveling the playing field for our counties as we compete on the state, national and international levels for location and expansion projects.

I would like to thank all of the Region 6 elected officials for their hard work and support of the Regional Workforce Board. I know in my heart that the strength of what we have been and what we will be in the future, regardless of position or political affiliation, is that the leadership of the Elected Officials and Regional Workforce Board remain focused on assuring that we do the right things at the right time and wisely invest our resources in systems, people and our businesses to stabilize and grow our economy.

I know without hesitation that there have been a lot of lives touched and a lot of businesses helped through the efforts of the Board and staff. These things, my friends, are what have made and will make Eastern Indiana a better place to live, work and do business.

Sincerely,

Milo Miller
Jay County Commissioner
Eastern Indiana Chief Elected Official



An initiative of the Eastern Indiana Regional Workforce Board. Funding for this project has been provided by Indiana Department of Workforce Development. The WorkOne System is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in the programs and services offered. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Call (800) 743-3333 for TDD/TTY relay service.