



Indianapolis, Indiana Community Leadership Visit Organization and Venue Primer

This primer provides background on the key organizations, partnerships, and initiatives shaping Cincinnati's economic growth and civic identity. It is designed to give our delegation context before hearing directly from local leaders during the visit.

BOTTLEWORKS HOTEL

On the agenda: Hotel for both nights; Tuesday Community Leader Reception

[Bottleworks Hotel](#) is a 139-room boutique hotel located in the restored 1931 Coca-Cola bottling plant at the north end of Mass Ave. Designed by Rubush & Hunter in the Art Deco style, the facility was once the largest Coca-Cola bottling plant in the world.

- The hotel anchors the approximately \$300 million, 12-acre Bottleworks District, redeveloped by Hendricks Commercial Properties and now home to The Garage Food Hall, restaurants, entertainment and other uses. The hotel opened in December 2020 and has received a MICHELIN Key.
- Our Tuesday reception will be held in The Lab, a space where new Coca-Cola recipes were once developed and tasted. In 1964, Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner Tony Hulman purchased the Coca-Cola franchise and moved bottling operations to Speedway. The property later served as an Indianapolis Public Schools bus facility before its redevelopment.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD

On the agenda: Session 6 – Andy Mallon, Executive Director

The [Capital Improvement Board of Managers of Marion County \(CIB\)](#) is a municipal corporation established in 1965 to own, operate and oversee Indianapolis' major convention and sports facilities. Its role places it at the center of the region's strategy for using major facilities and events to drive tourism and economic activity.

- **Impact:** Owns and operates the Indiana Convention Center, Lucas Oil Stadium, Gainbridge Fieldhouse and Victory Field. Together, these facilities generate more than \$1 billion in annual economic impact and support Indianapolis' ability to host major conventions, sporting events and other large-scale gatherings.
- **Funding:** Supported through a combination of state-authorized professional sports development area revenues, facility-generated revenues and other public funding subject to local budget and oversight processes.
- **Connections:** Works closely with Visit Indy, Indiana Sports Corp and other public and private partners to attract and host major events. The CIB provides the facilities and long-

term capital investment that underpin much of Indianapolis' sports and convention strategy.

CENTERSTONE

On the agenda: Session 5 – Jennifer Disbro, Vice President of Community Health and Social Services

Centerstone is a nonprofit provider of mental health, substance use treatment and social support services with operations in Indiana and Missouri. Its work includes connecting behavioral health care with broader community-based supports, making it an important partner in addressing homelessness and other challenges that affect individuals as well as the health and vitality of downtown.

- **Springfield Relevance:** Centerstone completed its merger with Springfield-based Brightli in November 2025. The combined organization includes the former Brightli family of providers, including Burrell Behavioral Health, as well as Indianapolis-based Adult & Child Health.
- **Connections:** Centerstone's presence in both Indianapolis and Springfield gives the delegation a particularly relevant perspective on how behavioral health providers can partner with local government, nonprofits and other organizations as part of broader efforts to address homelessness and support a thriving downtown.

CHIP / STREETS TO HOME INDY

The [Coalition for Homelessness Intervention & Prevention](#) (CHIP) coordinates Indianapolis' community-wide response to homelessness and leads [Streets to Home Indy](#), a public-private initiative launched in July 2025 with the goal of ending chronic and unsheltered homelessness in Indianapolis by 2028.

- **Approach:** Streets to Home Indy focuses on moving individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness into housing while coordinating outreach, housing navigation and supportive services. The initiative also works to close encampments once individuals have been connected to housing and restore those sites for community use.
- **Impact:** More than 200 individuals had been housed by mid-2026, with an initial goal of housing approximately 300–350 people during Phase 1.
- **Funding:** Phase 1 includes approximately \$8.1 million in local, unrestricted funding. Mayor Joe Hogsett also committed approximately \$10 million through the City's 2026 budget, with additional longer-term city funding supporting CHIP's rental-assistance work through 2028.
- **Connections:** The initiative brings together CHIP, the City of Indianapolis, philanthropy, faith-based organizations and service providers. City partners include the Department of Public Works, Office of Public Health & Safety and IMPD's homeless outreach team, reflecting a coordinated approach that connects housing and services with public-space management.

CICF – CENTRAL INDIANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

[Central Indiana Community Foundation \(CICF\)](#) is a community foundation serving Marion and Hamilton counties, bringing together philanthropic resources and partnerships to support

community priorities across Central Indiana. Its philanthropic network includes The Indianapolis Foundation and Hamilton County Community Foundation.

- **Impact:** CICF played a significant role in the development of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, helping lead and fund the approximately \$63 million project in partnership with the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works.
- **Connections:** CICF is a supporter of the Rethink Coalition, alongside organizations including the Indy Chamber and Indiana Landmarks, and has partnered with the City on housing and recovery-related efforts. Its Indianapolis Foundation affiliate also supports the IMPD Cadet program alongside the Indy Public Safety Foundation.

CICP – CEOS OF INDIANA CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

On the agenda: Session 2 – Latoya Alexander Botteron, President and CFO, CICP

[CEOs of Indiana Corporate Partnership \(CICP\)](#) is a CEO-led organization that brings together leaders from Central Indiana’s largest corporations, foundations and universities to advance long-term economic growth and regional competitiveness.

- **Impact:** Sponsors five major sector initiatives – AgriNovus Indiana, Ascend Indiana, BioCrossroads, Conexus Indiana and TechPoint – focused on key areas of Indiana’s economy. It has also helped launch broader initiatives including the 16 Tech Innovation District and Business Equity for Indy.
- **Role:** Provides a structure for senior corporate, university and philanthropic leaders to align around long-term economic priorities and create specialized initiatives with the capacity to move that work forward.
- **Funding:** Supported through a combination of private contributions, grants and program-related funding.
- **Connections:** Originally established in 1999 as the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, the organization works across corporate, higher education and philanthropic leadership. Its network and initiatives frequently partner on economic development, innovation and talent efforts, including the IU Indianapolis–Eli Lilly co-op partnership with 16 Tech.

CIRDA – CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

On the agenda: Session 2 – Scott Fadness, Mayor, City of Fishers | Chairperson, Central Indiana Regional Development Authority

The [Central Indiana Regional Development Authority \(CIRDA\)](#) is a public-sector regional alliance of more than 30 cities, towns and counties working together to align economic development priorities and pursue investments that benefit Central Indiana as a region.

- **Impact:** CIRDA launched Catalyze Central Indiana, a long-term regional economic development strategy, and has grown from eight founding communities to more than 30 participating communities. The organization has secured more than \$50 million in grants, with supported projects projected to generate approximately \$1.73 billion in private investment.
- **Role:** Provides a formal structure for local governments to collaborate across jurisdictional boundaries, establish shared regional priorities and pursue state and other funding opportunities collectively.

- **Connections:** CIRDA's board includes mayors, council leaders and county commissioners from across Central Indiana, creating a direct link among participating local governments. The organization was also selected by Gov. Mike Braun as the state's first regional steward for a new \$1 billion life sciences initiative.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

The City of Indianapolis operates under a consolidated city-county government structure with Marion County, commonly known as Unigov. Several City departments and offices are directly involved in the housing, infrastructure, downtown and quality-of-place initiatives the delegation will hear about throughout the trip.

DEPARTMENT OF METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT (DMD)

On the agenda: Session 2 – Carmen Lethig, Deputy Director for Planning, Preservation, Urban Design & Engagement, City of Indianapolis (DMD)

[DMD](#) leads the City's work related to planning, community and economic development, affordable housing and development incentives.

- **Impact:** Manages federal housing and community development funding as well as the Indianapolis-Marion County Housing Trust Fund. Recent efforts include Hanna Commons, a 55-unit affordable housing development that incorporates supportive services.
- **Connections:** Works with nonprofit and philanthropic partners on housing and homelessness initiatives, including efforts supported through CICF's Housing to Recovery Fund.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

On the agenda: Session 4 – Todd Wilson, Director, City of Indianapolis (DPW)

[DPW](#) is responsible for much of Indianapolis' public infrastructure and related municipal services.

- **Role:** Plans and manages the design, construction and maintenance of streets, roads, bridges, stormwater infrastructure, multimodal paths and trails.
- **Connections:** Provides the City's implementation perspective within a broader transportation and infrastructure network that includes IndyGo, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization and partners such as the Indianapolis Cultural Trail.

COMMISSION ROW

On the agenda: Wednesday's group dinner

[Commission Row](#) is a dining and entertainment development adjacent to Gainbridge Fieldhouse, created through a partnership between Pacers Sports & Entertainment and Cunningham Restaurant Group.

- The development includes Mel's Speakeasy, Commission Row restaurant and Above, its upstairs event space. Its location next to Gainbridge Fieldhouse reflects the continued

investment in dining, entertainment and visitor amenities surrounding Indianapolis' major downtown sports facilities.

DOWNTOWN INDY ALLIANCE

On the agenda: Session 5 – Taylor Schaffer, President & CEO, Downtown Indy Alliance

[Downtown Indy Alliance](#) is a private, nonprofit organization focused exclusively on the vitality and continued development of Downtown Indianapolis. It works with public, private and community partners to make Downtown a welcoming place to live, work, visit and invest.

- **Impact:** Downtown Indianapolis encompasses approximately 1.3 square miles but generates nearly 15% of the city's tax base. Downtown Indy Alliance supports the district through cleanliness, safety, beautification and placemaking services.
- **Role:** Serves as a central convener and advocate for Downtown, bringing together businesses, property owners, residents and community partners around priorities affecting the urban core.
- **Connections:** A membership-based organization that works closely with the City of Indianapolis, local businesses, arts and cultural organizations and other community partners. It also leads and supports signature Downtown programming and events, including 4th Fest and SPARK on the Circle.

ELI LILLY AND COMPANY

On the agenda: Session 7 – Dedric Day, Senior Director, Strategic Talent Partnerships, Eli Lilly and Company

Eli Lilly and Company, founded in Indianapolis in 1876, is one of Indiana's largest employers and a major driver of the region's life sciences economy. Its investments extend beyond its own workforce into research, innovation and talent development efforts across Central Indiana.

- **Impact:** Lilly directly employs approximately 14,700 people in Indiana, representing about 28% of its global workforce. Its operations, supply-chain activity and employee spending are estimated to support approximately 46,600 jobs statewide and nearly \$20.7 billion in Indiana GDP.
- **Investment:** Lilly is undertaking approximately \$18 billion in capital investment at the LEAP Research and Innovation District in Boone County, significantly expanding its manufacturing and research presence in Central Indiana.
- **Talent:** Lilly partners with IU Indianapolis on a co-op program launched in 2024 with support from CICP and 16 Tech, creating additional pathways between higher education and employment.
- **Connections:** Lilly is closely connected to the region's broader life sciences ecosystem, including the IU Launch Accelerator for Biosciences (IU LAB) and other workforce and talent-access partnerships. These relationships demonstrate how a major employer can help shape regional strategies around industry growth, innovation and talent development.

GREATER INDIANAPOLIS PROGRESS COMMITTEE / MAYOR'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

On the agenda: Session 5 – Emily Koschnick, Chief Membership Officer, Indy Chamber | Member, Mayor's Leadership Council on Homelessness (MLCH)

The [Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee \(GIPC\)](#) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established in 1965 that brings together public- and private-sector leaders to work with the Mayor of Indianapolis on major community priorities. GIPC convenes the Mayor's Leadership Council on Homelessness (MLCH), which provides community leadership around Indianapolis' response to homelessness.

- **Role:** MLCH brings together leaders from government, business, philanthropy and the nonprofit sector to advance a coordinated community response to homelessness, with an emphasis on Housing First principles and addressing racial inequities in housing insecurity.
- **Impact:** The Council meets at least six times annually to activate resources, remove implementation barriers, build political support and strengthen accountability around the community's homelessness strategy.
- **Connections:** MLCH works closely with CHIP's Streets to Home Indy and the Indianapolis Continuum of Care/Blueprint Council, connecting policy leadership with the organizations responsible for implementation. Its chief strategists include Chelsea Haring-Cozzi of CHIP and Rodney Stockment, the City's homelessness policy director.

INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER

On the agenda: Session 5 – Creating a Downtown That Thrives

Owned and operated by the Capital Improvement Board, the [Indiana Convention Center](#) opened in 1972 and has since undergone five expansions. Today, it offers approximately 566,600 square feet of exhibit and meeting space and connects directly to Lucas Oil Stadium and downtown hotels through climate-controlled skywalks.

- A \$710 million sixth expansion is underway at the former Pan Am Plaza site, adding 143,500 square feet of convention space, including a 50,000-square-foot ballroom, along with a new 38-story, approximately 800-room Signia by Hilton. The project is expected to increase the number of skywalk-connected hotel rooms to more than 5,500.
- The project represents another significant public investment in Indianapolis' convention and tourism strategy, with the City assuming financing and ownership of the hotel and the City-County Council approving \$510 million in hotel revenue bonds to be repaid through hotel revenues.

INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

On the agenda: Session 2 – Jim Rawlinson, Vice President of Regional Development, IEDC

The [Indiana Economic Development Corporation \(IEDC\)](#) is Indiana's lead economic development agency, established in 2005 as a public-private organization chaired by the Governor. IEDC leads

statewide efforts related to business growth, innovation, talent and regional economic development.

- **Impact:** Administers performance-based business incentives, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, site-development programs and other tools designed to support economic growth across Indiana.
- **READI:** IEDC administers the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI), launched in 2021 to encourage communities to organize regionally, develop shared growth strategies and invest in projects that strengthen quality of life, quality of place and quality of opportunity. READI 1.0 and READI 2.0 each committed \$500 million in state funding, with additional philanthropic funding expanding the overall initiative to approximately \$1.25 billion. Indiana now recognizes 15 READI regions covering all 92 counties.
- **Funding & Investment Model:** IEDC is principally funded through appropriations in Indiana's biennial state budget, supporting incentives, grants, loans, site development and regional initiatives. Through READI, state funding is designed to leverage significantly larger commitments from local governments, businesses, nonprofits and philanthropy; as of March 2026, READI 2.0 investments were leveraging approximately \$23 for every \$1 in state funding allocated.
- **Connections:** IEDC works with regional organizations and local communities throughout the state to translate regional strategies into investment. In Central Indiana, that includes working with organizations such as CIRDA and other regional partners on economic development, talent and industry initiatives.

INDIANA SPORTS CORP

On the agenda: Session 6 – Patrick Talty, President, Indiana Sports Corp.

Founded in 1979 as the nation's first sports commission, [Indiana Sports Corp](#) is a nonprofit organization focused on attracting, developing and hosting major sporting events in Indianapolis and using sports as a strategy for economic and community development.

- **Impact:** Has helped Indianapolis host hundreds of major sporting events, including the 2012 Super Bowl and multiple NCAA Men's Final Fours, generating visitor spending and reinforcing the city's national reputation as a destination for sports.
- **Role:** Leads efforts to pursue and execute major sporting events while building relationships with governing bodies, venues, corporate partners and community organizations.
- **Connections:** Works closely with Visit Indy, the Capital Improvement Board and other public and private partners to attract and host large-scale events, including the 2028 NCAA Women's Final Four.

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

On the agenda: Sessions 1 and 2

Located in White River State Park, the [Indiana State Museum](#) explores Indiana's history, art, science and culture. Its downtown location places it within a concentration of major civic, cultural and visitor attractions that also includes the NCAA headquarters and Hall of Champions, Eiteljorg

Museum, Indianapolis Zoo and nearby sports and convention facilities. The setting provides an early look at how Indianapolis has clustered cultural institutions, public spaces and visitor destinations within its downtown.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH

On the agenda: Session 5 – Ian Nicolini, Vice President of Corporate Real Estate

[Indiana University Health \(IU Health\)](#) is Indiana’s largest healthcare system and is closely connected with the Indiana University School of Medicine. Its major investment in downtown Indianapolis is reshaping both its healthcare campus and the surrounding area.

- **Investment:** IU Health is developing a new downtown hospital that will consolidate high-acuity adult services currently provided at Methodist and University hospitals, with the new facility scheduled to open in late 2027.
- **Impact:** The project represents a significant long-term investment in downtown Indianapolis, bringing together healthcare, research and employment while creating opportunities for redevelopment and investment in surrounding neighborhoods.
- **Connections:** The hospital anchors the broader Indy Health District, an effort to connect major healthcare and institutional investments with neighborhood health, economic opportunity and improvements to the surrounding built environment.

INDIANAPOLIS CULTURAL TRAIL

On the agenda: Session 4 – Kären Haley, Executive Director; also featured during the cycling and community immersion experience.

The [Indianapolis Cultural Trail](#) is a 10.6-mile urban pedestrian and bicycle trail connecting Indianapolis’ Cultural Districts and many of downtown’s major destinations. It serves as both transportation infrastructure and a signature quality-of-place investment.

- **Impact:** Connects neighborhoods and Cultural Districts with downtown destinations including arts, cultural and sports venues, creating a more walkable and bikeable urban core. The trail has become one of Indianapolis’ most recognizable placemaking and active transportation assets.
- **Investment:** Developed through a roughly \$63 million public-private investment, with the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works and Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) playing key roles in its development.
- **Connections:** The trail is operated and stewarded by Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. and connects with the City’s broader transportation, downtown development and quality-of-place efforts.

INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

On the agenda: Session 4 – Sean Northup, Deputy Director, IMPO

The [Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization \(IMPO\)](#) is Central Indiana’s federally designated regional planning agency, coordinating transportation planning and investment across communities throughout the Indianapolis region.

- **Impact:** Develops short- and long-range regional plans, provides data and analysis, and distributes designated transportation funding for roads, trails, transit and other infrastructure. Its work also intersects with housing, economic development, safety and sustainability.
- **Role:** Helps communities identify shared infrastructure needs, establish regional priorities and position projects for federal and other transportation funding.
- **Connections:** Coordinates planning and investment across local governments and transportation partners throughout Central Indiana. Its role provides a useful comparison to the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) in the Springfield region.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY & MUSEUM

On the agenda: Sessions 6 and 7

Opened in 1909 in the Town of Speedway, the [Indianapolis Motor Speedway \(IMS\)](#) is home to the Indianapolis 500 and one of the region's most recognizable sports and tourism assets. The Speedway has been owned by Roger Penske's Penske Entertainment since 2020.

- The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum reopened in April 2025 following a \$60.5 million, 17-month renovation, its first major renovation since the current museum building opened in 1976. The project expanded and modernized the visitor experience with new galleries, interactive exhibits and racing simulators.
- The museum is independently operated by the nonprofit Indianapolis Motor Speedway Foundation, while Penske Entertainment owns the building. IMS also has a historical connection to Bottlenworks: former Speedway owner Tony Hulman purchased the Indianapolis Coca-Cola franchise in 1964 and moved its bottling operations from the present-day Bottlenworks property to Speedway.

INDY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INC.

On the agenda: Session 2 – Andrea Richter-Garry, President and CEO

[Indy Economic Development Inc.](#) is the City of Indianapolis' dedicated business attraction, retention and expansion organization. Formerly operated as Develop Indy within the Indy Chamber, it was relaunched as a standalone nonprofit beginning in 2025.

- **Role:** Serves as Indianapolis' primary economic development organization, working with businesses considering investment in the city as well as existing employers pursuing growth and expansion.
- **Impact:** Recent efforts include helping retain Corteva's headquarters in Indianapolis and establishing an international economic development partnership with the City of Markham, Ontario in 2026.
- **Funding:** The City's Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) has allocated approximately \$4 million to support the organization since its relaunch as a standalone nonprofit.
- **Connections:** Works closely with the City of Indianapolis, Indy Chamber and Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) on business recruitment, retention, incentives and investment. Its structure helps distinguish the city-level economic development

function from the Chamber's broader regional business role and IEDC's statewide responsibilities.

INDYGO

On the agenda: Session 4 – Jennifer Pyrz, President and CEO

[IndyGo](#) is Indianapolis' public transportation agency, operating the city's bus system and developing a network of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors designed to improve mobility and connectivity across the community.

- **Impact:** IndyGo is expanding its BRT network with the 24-mile Blue Line, its largest BRT project, connecting Indianapolis International Airport through downtown to Cumberland. Construction began in 2025, with completion targeted for 2028; the corridor will provide access to more than 114,000 jobs and 45,000 residents.
- **Role:** Provides public transportation while making long-term investments in transit infrastructure designed to improve access to employment, neighborhoods and major destinations.
- **Connections:** Coordinates with the City of Indianapolis and other regional partners on infrastructure and development along major transit corridors. The Blue Line's connection to Indianapolis International Airport also links transit investment with the region's broader economic development and visitor infrastructure.

INHP – INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

On the agenda: Session 3 – Gina Miller, President and CEO

Established in 1988, the [Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership \(INHP\)](#) is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and a leading homeownership and affordable housing resource serving Marion County.

- **Impact:** Has served more than 42,000 people through homebuyer preparation programs, financed more than \$678 million in mortgages for low- and moderate-income families and impacted nearly 3,000 affordable housing units.
- **Role:** Helps expand access to affordable housing through homebuyer education and advising, mortgage lending and housing development, addressing both individual pathways to homeownership and the broader supply of affordable housing.
- **Connections:** Partners with local, state and federal agencies, financial institutions and community organizations to expand housing opportunities. INHP grew out of a 1987 mayoral Housing Strategy Task Force, reflecting a long-standing public-private approach to Indianapolis' housing needs.

IU LAUNCH ACCELERATOR FOR BIOSCIENCES

On the agenda: Session 7 – Raymond Haberski Jr., Assistant Vice Provost and Chief Learning Officer

The [IU Launch Accelerator for Biosciences \(IU LAB\)](#) is an Indiana University initiative designed to connect bioscience research, commercialization, entrepreneurship and talent development, strengthening the pipeline between university research and Indiana's life sciences economy.

- **Impact:** Brings together education and credentialing, research, industry partnerships and startup support to help translate university discoveries into practical applications while preparing students and workers for careers in the biosciences.
- **Role:** Creates a more direct connection between higher education and industry, providing opportunities to develop talent, accelerate research and support the commercialization of new technologies and businesses.
- **Funding:** Supported by a \$138 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., which is a separate organization from Eli Lilly and Company.
- **Connections:** Based at the 16 Tech Innovation District, IU LAB works with partners across Indiana's life sciences ecosystem, including IU Health and CEOs of Indiana Corporate Partnership.

LIFE IN INDY

On the agenda: Session 7 – Alli Donovan, Senior Manager of Content, Indy Chamber

[Life in Indy](#) is the Indy Chamber's regional livability and talent initiative, launched in 2021 with support from Lilly Endowment Inc. It uses storytelling, experiences and community connections to help attract and retain talent across the 10-county Indianapolis region.

- **Indyfluencers:** Life in Indy's storytelling platform is powered in part by a volunteer network of "Indyfluencers" – local residents who share their experiences and perspectives on living, working and building a life in Central Indiana.
- **Fast Forward:** Life in Indy hosts Fast Forward, an annual summer experience for interns, college students and early-career professionals designed to introduce them to the region's culture, career opportunities and community. The free, sponsor-supported event drew participants from 93 colleges, 28 states and 15 countries in 2025, with its fifth edition held at Victory Field in June 2026.
- **Connections:** Life in Indy connects the Chamber's broader talent attraction and retention strategy with employers, young professionals and community partners. It also highlights newcomers who have relocated to Central Indiana through MakeMyMove, connecting talent attraction efforts with the region's broader quality-of-place story.

LISC INDIANAPOLIS

On the agenda: Session 3 – Brandon Taylor, Executive Director, LISC Indianapolis

[LISC Indianapolis](#) is the local office of the national Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a nonprofit community development organization and Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). It works with local partners to strengthen neighborhoods and expand economic opportunity.

- **Impact:** Provides financing, technical assistance and neighborhood planning support for affordable housing, small businesses, community facilities and other community development initiatives.
- **Role:** Helps move community priorities from planning to implementation by connecting neighborhood organizations with the financing, expertise and partnerships needed to advance projects.

- **Connections:** Mobilizes corporate, government and philanthropic resources while working directly with neighborhood organizations and residents to identify and implement locally driven priorities.

MILHAUS

On the agenda: Session 3 – Brad Vogelsmeier, Vice President of Development

[Milhaus](#) is an Indianapolis-headquartered real estate development, construction and property management company specializing in multifamily and mixed-use communities, with projects in Indianapolis and other markets across the country.

- **Role:** Brings the private developer perspective to the region's housing conversation, including how developers evaluate sites, finance and deliver new housing, and manage residential communities.
- **Housing:** Milhaus' work provides insight into the market conditions, development costs, regulatory environment and other factors that influence whether new housing projects can move from concept to construction.
- **Connections:** Brad Vogelsmeier also serves in a leadership role with ULI Indiana, connecting Milhaus' hands-on development experience with the broader real estate, development and land-use community.

NCAA HEADQUARTERS & HALL OF CHAMPIONS

On the agenda: Session 6 – Anthony Holman, Vice President of Championships Operations, NCAA

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) relocated its national headquarters from Kansas City to Indianapolis in 1999, strengthening the city's position as a national center for collegiate sports.

- **Impact:** The adjacent NCAA Hall of Champions, an interactive museum celebrating collegiate athletics, opened in 2000 in White River State Park. Indianapolis has also become a frequent host of major NCAA championships, including multiple Men's and Women's Final Fours.
- **Role:** The NCAA's headquarters provides Indianapolis with a permanent connection to the national collegiate sports industry, complementing the city's broader strategy of attracting major sporting events and organizations.
- **Connections:** The headquarters and Hall of Champions are part of the White River State Park cluster of major attractions, alongside the Indiana State Museum, Eiteljorg Museum and Indianapolis Zoo. The NCAA also works with Indiana Sports Corp, Visit Indy and other local partners to bring championship events to Indianapolis.

PACERS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

On the agenda: Session 6 – Danny Lopez, Vice President for External Affairs and Corporate Communications

Pacers Sports & Entertainment (PS&E) is the organization behind the NBA's Indiana Pacers and WNBA's Indiana Fever and operates Gainbridge Fieldhouse on behalf of the Capital Improvement Board, which owns the facility.

- **Impact:** Gainbridge Fieldhouse hosts Pacers and Fever games as well as concerts, conventions and other events throughout the year. PS&E completed a \$360 million, three-phase renovation of the Fieldhouse in 2022, adding new seating and gathering spaces, an outdoor plaza and other improvements.
- **Investment:** Under a 25-year agreement with the Capital Improvement Board (CIB) approved in 2019, the renovation included \$270 million from state and CIB sources, \$25 million from the City of Indianapolis and \$65 million from PS&E, while securing the Pacers' long-term presence in Indianapolis.
- **Connections:** PS&E works closely with the CIB, Indiana Sports Corp, Visit Indy and other community partners as part of Indianapolis' broader sports and major-events strategy.

VISIONLOFT STUTZ

On the agenda: Session 3 – Meeting the Housing Needs of a Growing Region

VisionLoft Stutz is an event venue within [The Stutz](#), the restored former factory of the Stutz Motor Car Company. Built beginning in 1912, the complex produced the Stutz Bearcat, an early version of which competed in the first Indianapolis 500.

- After its automotive era, the property was used by Eli Lilly and Company and later became known as a center for Indianapolis artists. Developer SomeraRoad acquired the complex in 2021 and invested approximately \$100 million to redevelop the 441,000-square-foot, seven-building campus.
- The redevelopment transformed former industrial spaces and alleys into offices, restaurants, retail, event spaces and landscaped pedestrian courtyards while preserving the property's historic character. VisionLoft occupies approximately 9,000 square feet, and the complex also includes a 10,000-square-foot Stutz automobile museum.

VISIT INDY

On the agenda: Session 6 – Leonard Hoops, President and CEO

[Visit Indy](#) is Indianapolis' official destination marketing organization, responsible for promoting the city as a destination for conventions, meetings, sporting events and leisure travel.

- **Impact:** Leads efforts to attract conventions and visitors to Indianapolis, generating visitor activity that supports hotels, restaurants, attractions and other businesses throughout the region.
- **Role:** Markets Indianapolis nationally and internationally while working to secure major conventions, meetings and events that bring visitors and economic activity to the city.
- **Connections:** Works closely with the Capital Improvement Board, Indiana Sports Corp and other sports and tourism partners to pursue and host large-scale events, including major NCAA championships and NBA events.