

# MAYORS INSTITUTE

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**MARCH 13-14, 2023**

**Bottleworks Hotel  
Indianapolis, Indiana**

## AGENDA

### MONDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration & Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **WORKSHOP:** American Manufacturing is Cleaner – and Better for the World

U.S. manufacturers across industries are highly carbon efficient compared to most overseas. This is an enormous strength of our economy. Promoting domestic manufacturing is thus good for the economy and for the global environment. This workshop will explore America's 'carbon advantage,' outline policies aimed at leveraging this unique asset and detail ways Indiana's municipal leaders can both protect the environment and the economy.

Speaker:

**Steve Rice**, Managing Director, Americans for Carbon Dividends

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **WORKSHOP: Redevelopment Commissions and Real Estate Development Projects**

This session will explore the advantages of utilizing the powers of a municipal redevelopment commission to facilitate economic development projects that include the acquisition, disposition or leasing of real estate. Subtopics will include discussion of the statutory requirements for redevelopment commissions for acquiring or disposing of real estate, funding mechanisms for project costs and budgeting advantages for properly structured redevelopment commissions.

Speaker:

**Brian Crist**, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **WORKSHOP: Open Door Law**

You likely understand the basics of the Open Door Law. However, missing the details can have serious consequences. This session will fully cover the Open Door Law, including what has changed in recent years and what has stayed the same. Discussion will also cover when you have to meet in open meeting versus when does Executive Session apply.

Speaker:

**Chou-il Lee**, Partner, Taft Law

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.      **WORKSHOP: Commercial Cyber Insurance**

Obtaining and understanding Commercial Cyber Insurance has become increasingly more difficult over the past several years. During our presentation, MJ Insurance will also be on hand to provide insight and guidance into the complexities of obtaining and understanding Commercial Cyber Insurance. Our experts will explore why insurance carriers are asking these questions, help breakdown some of the nuances of the questions, discuss importance of internal collaboration with your IT team/partners, and discuss some of the emerging topics coming soon.

Speakers:

**Adam Adler**, Client Executive, MJ Insurance Company

**Neil Heider**, Risk Management Consultant, MJ Insurance Company

**Carol Scully**, Strategic Risk Management Director, MJ Insurance Company

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **WORKSHOP: Mid-Session Legislative Review**

When we gather in Indianapolis for Mayors Institute the legislature will be roughly halfway through this budget-writing session. In other words, a long way from over! Participants will receive a rundown on the status of bills impacting property taxes, TIF, eminent domain, outdoor refreshment areas, annexation, and more. We'll highlight where more grassroots outreach will be helpful and answer any questions you have about specific legislation.

Speakers:

**Jenna Bentley**, Government Affairs Director, Aim

**Matt Greller**, Chief Executive Officer, Aim

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner & Networking  
Bottleworks Hotel  
Pemberton Suite  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Room 3039

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **WORKSHOP: Filling the Financial Gap – A Primer on State Economic Development Incentives for Municipal Projects**

This session will present a survey of the more common state economic development incentives offered through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and other state agencies, which shall include exploring how to effectively use these state incentives to “top off” and “fill gaps” for economic development projects. This session will also give a general overview of the Innovation Development District statute.

Speakers:

**Michael Flint**, Practice Group Specialist, Ice Miller LLP

**J. Sebastian Smelko**, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **WORKSHOP: The Regional Cities Initiative: Impacts and Insight**

This session will present findings from a study examining the short- to medium-term impacts of the Regional Cities Initiative (RCI), a place-based program established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2015 that encourages neighboring communities to work together to develop plans to improve quality of place in order to attract and retain skilled workers. The results indicate that counties receiving RCI funding experienced higher GDP growth and employment

growth relative to other counties in the state. The session will also provide insights that may be useful to communities applying for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) grant program.

Speakers:

**Dagney Faulk**, Director of Research, Center for Business and Economic Research, Ball State University

**David Terrell**, Executive Director, Indiana Communities Initiative, Ball State University

11:45 a.m.

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