

## **STATE OF INDIANA**

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In 1983, recognizing the importance of the Division of Supplier Diversity (MBE/WBE/IVOSBs) participation in state purchases, Public Law 34 (I.C. 4-13-16.5) created the Governor's Commission on Minority Business Development, which is now the Governor's Commission on Supplier Diversity. The Commission's mandate is to explore opportunities and implement activities that will enable MBE/WBE and IVOSBs to fully participate in the procurement system. Overall, they actively work to cultivate an environment that provides contracting opportunities for minority, women, and veteran businesses across the State of Indiana.

IDOA Division of Supplier Diversity would like to announce the new members who sit on the Governor's Commission on Supplier Diversity. As of January 1, 2024, five influential members from the business community have been selected to serve on the Commission. They are business owners who are designated under the umbrella of Minority-Owned Business (MBE), Women-Owned Business (WBE), and Indiana Veteran-Owned Small Business Owners (IVOSBs).

In representation from Northern Indiana:

• Commissioner Carol Slager, Inkwell Coaching

In representation from Central Indiana:

- Commissioner Angela Franklin, SOAR Consulting
- Commissioner Nick Lunn, Cornerstone Construction Group, LLC

In representation from Southern Indiana:

- Commissioner Darren C. Patterson, The Mortgage Company of Southern Indiana, Inc.
- Commissioner Maurice Coates Jr., CK United Trucking, Inc.

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