



Press Release

ECDC to Represent Rush County on Governor Mitch Daniel's Asia Trade Mission:

(Rushville, IN) Rush County Economic & Community Development Corporation (ECDC) is pleased to announce that Greg Griffin, ECDC's Executive Director will accompany Governor Mitch Daniels and other Indiana delegates on the upcoming Japan and Taiwan Trade and Investment Mission, July 30 through August 7, 2005. The ECDC Board of Directors voted unanimously to send Mr. Griffin on this Trade mission in response to Governor's invitation relative to participation. The purpose of this Mission is to promote Indiana as a strategic partner for investment and to build relationships that can lead to expanded trade and business for Indiana and its communities. The Mission also hopes to strengthen existing ties and develop new ones in both Japan and Taiwan. The Mission will visit Taipei, Taiwan and various locations throughout Japan, including Tokyo, Tochigi Prefecture (Sister-State) and the World Expo in Aichi for Indiana Day at the U.S. Pavilion. In addition, evening receptions will be held at various venues as well, to allow networking opportunities with businesses, university alumni, friends of Indiana, and executives of leading Taiwanese and Japanese companies and American executives based there.

ECDC's goals for this Trade and Investment Mission include building on existing industry relationships, developing new relationships and the attraction of more investment to Rush County. According to Mr. Griffin, "We have had excellent support from both Fujitsu Ten and INTAT in preparing for this trip, including Japanese translation of letters and potential contacts." ECDC gratefully acknowledges Rush-Shelby Energy's financial support for this Mission. ECDC is also looking forward to working with the State and the Daniel's administration on this trip and beyond to attract new jobs and economic development opportunities for our community. ECDC intends to distribute Rush County marketing materials, meet with Indiana representatives of the Asian Trade Offices, and develop industrial and business contacts in Taiwan and Japan. Mr. Griffin further explained, "We have a very ambitious schedule for this Mission."

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