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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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What an incredible and dynamic start to the year for IndyCREW! A big thank you goes out to our 2024 IndyCREW sponsors, board members, committee chairs, and members for their unwavering dedication to advancing women in the commercial real estate sector. As we move deeper into 2024, I urge you all to keep making a difference by inspiring and collaborating with each other. IndyCREW provides a platform for networking, relationship-building, and personal development, grow and to advance women in commercial real estate.



In January, seven remarkable women from IndyCREW had the opportunity to attend the CREW Network Leadership Summit in Fort Worth, TX. Over two days, they connected with leaders from other chapters worldwide, gaining insights into best practices to bring back to our own chapter. Additionally, I had the pleasure of engaging in conversations over coffee with some of our past presidents, which served as a reminder of their commitment and eagerness to contribute to our organization's growth and success.

In late February, the leaders of our 2023 & 2024 IndyCREW board met with Jenny Weissenbach, CREW Network's Chapter Services Director, to discuss the direction and goals for our chapter. Jenny led a multi-day strategic planning session, the outcomes of which we'll be sharing soon.

Our Event Committee planned a variety of engaging Q1 activities, including January's luncheon with Marissa Andretti discussing the new Andretti Global Racing HQ, Dine Arounds with lunch/dinner options, and February's Commercial Real Estate Outlook, with many more events lined up in our 2024 calendar.

The Women in Leadership 'Dare to Say Yes' Conference was a resounding success, highlighting our chapter to both members and guests through an impressive lineup of speakers, packed attendance, networking opportunities, venue transitions, and a lively cocktail hour.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

President's Message Continued

Our committees are tirelessly working, and our board and co-chair collaboration calls have been effective. The Marketing Committee is actively promoting our organization and membership across various platforms, while also nominating our members for numerous industry awards. The Membership Committee is focused on renewals and warmly welcoming new members. The Mentor Committee is diligently matching our 14 Mentors and Protégés for this year's program. The Sponsorship Committee has excelled in partnering with our sponsors to ensure they receive the recognition they deserve throughout the year. The CREW Network Committee is dedicated to promoting CREW Network and CREW Network Foundation to our members. The UCREW Committee is actively engaging with several local universities and student members and had a successful event at lvy Tech. The Golf Committee is planning the Swing into Summer with IndyCREW golf clinic and our Island Breeze golf outing in June.

Beyond our local chapter, I'm thrilled by the involvement of our IndyCREW members on the global stage of CREW Network. With members participating in opportunities such as the CREW Board of Directors, Leadership Certificate Program, CREW Councils, and CREW Network Committees, we are truly making an impact. Several of our chapter leaders will be attending the upcoming Emerging Leaders Retreat in Phoenix in May and the CREW Network Spring Leadership Summit in Charlotte in June. We believe that our continued investment in leadership and professional development within the global business network of 14,000+ members has been incredibly fruitful.

We're eagerly looking forward to all the exciting plans we have in store for the second quarter and beyond! If you have any questions or if there's anything we can assist you with, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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February Luncheon Features Powerhouse Panel of CRE Experts

Our February Luncheon held at the JW Marriott, offered attendees an in-depth analysis of the events of 2023 and provided valuable insights into the anticipated trends for 2024 across the diverse spectrum of commercial real estate, including retail, office, healthcare, and multi-family sectors. The discussion was enriched by our esteemed panel, consisting of seasoned experts hailing from various market sectors. John Vandenbark from JLL, Hannah Ott from CBRE, Diana Zagarzhevskiy from Cushman & Wakefield, and Ted Baker from Cornerstone Companies each brought their unique perspectives, predictions, and experiences to the table. Together, they meticulously examined the data pertaining to the activity levels within their respective markets, providing attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the current landscape and what lies ahead in the realm of commercial real estate.

















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2024 Women in Leadership "Dare to Say Yes"

Celebrating Women's History Month: IndyCREW's Commitment Year-Round

What happens when nearly 400 women connected to the commercial real estate industry unite in a room? Simply put: magic.

Celebrating Women's History Month often looks like pausing to recognize the ongoing importance of investing in women in all industries, and at IndyCREW our commitment to women is ongoing. Through our recent Women in Leadership Conference, we honored the trailblazing women leading our industry forward who are also committed to helping those follow in their footsteps for generations to come.



This year, the 2024 Women in Leadership Conference was themed Dare To Say Yes, and the entire experience exemplified our dedication to supporting women as they lead in the industry. With inspirational keynotes from remarkable women like Jill Donovan, Founder and CEO of Rustic Cuff, and Dr. Allison Barber, President and COO of the Indiana Fever, the conference showcased women's diverse talents and achievements in leadership roles—but beyond showcasing those talents, the conference offered an important moment where distinguished leaders could share tools, tips, and insights they gathered as an investment to empower those in the room.

IndyCREW understands that investing in women goes beyond providing opportunities for professional development. It means creating spaces where women can unite, access support, and leverage their collective

strengths to drive meaningful change in their respective industries. Our network offers a myriad of benefits, including access to high-level professionals, business and networking opportunities, leadership training, and career advancement resources including mentorship, research, and scholarships.

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Dare to Say Yes Continued

Moreover, our commitment to investing in women extends to fostering a culture of inclusivity and empowerment. By providing a platform for women to connect, collaborate, and support one another, we strive to create a more equitable and inclusive business environment where every woman has the opportunity to thrive.

A Commitment to Supporting Women

According to the 2020 CREW Network Benchmark Study: Gender and Diversity in Commercial Real Estate, women occupy 36.7% of the commercial real estate industry, but that percentage has not changed much over the last 15 years. Furthermore, women continue to earn less than men. In 2020, the fixed salary gap between genders was 10.2% and the commission and bonus gap was a staggering 55.9%. At IndyCREW, we're rolling up our sleeves to remove those barriers to advancement.

As we continue to celebrate Women's History Month and look at investments we can make in the remaining ten months of the year, let us recommit ourselves to investing in women and creating a future where gender equality is not just a goal but a reality. Together, we can build a more inclusive and prosperous world for generations to come.

If you're new to IndyCREW, we invite you to get involved—as the true power of membership lies in expanding your network and relationships.







































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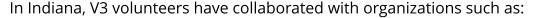
Employment is about so much more than work. V3 Companies is a rapidly growing consulting firm looking for talented individuals specializing in land development, landscape architecture, transportation and structural engineering, survey, and more. Named as both a "Best Firm to Work For" and a "Healthiest Employer in Indiana", discover how V3's employee enrichment programs support well-rounded growth and 40 years of award-winning success.

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Team members have access to annual activities devoted to wellness, philanthropy, career development, and fun! The firm incentivizes engagement by offering in-office and virtual learning opportunities, funds towards HSAs, and eight hours of paid volunteer time off to give back to their communities.



- ·The Parks Alliance of Indianapolis
- ·Friends of the White River
- ·Indianapolis War Memorial Foundation

Transforming Communities, Transforming Careers

The diversity of employee enrichment programs helps offer something for everyone, touching on a wide variety of activities and topics throughout the year. By balancing personal fulfillment, professional growth, and talent development, the firm has created an environment that people don't want to leave, with the average employee tenure coming in at 10.5 years.

IndyCREW member and V3 Project Coordinator Michelle Jarvis is grateful for the firm's dedication to employees. "I particularly appreciate being at V3 because of the culture of balance, inclusivity, and community involvement," she said. "It truly makes me happy to think that I can have a hand in making others feel included or contribute to their sense of belonging."









Work With V3

V3's Indiana office is growing and currently hiring landscape architects, project managers, and more! Make an impact, build your skills, and create the path to career satisfaction with this flourishing firm. To learn more about their open opportunities, visit them at https://www.v3co.com/careers/ or connect on LinkedIn.

CALENDAR

Next Event: April Luncheon



Sports play a pivotal role in Indiana's economy, serving as both a source of entertainment and a significant driver of economic growth. From the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway to the passionate basketball culture, sports generate substantial revenue. Events like the Indianapolis 500 and the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament attract visitors from across the nation, injecting millions of dollars into local businesses and hotels. Moreover, sports infrastructure development creates job opportunities and stimulates investment in surrounding areas. Join us to learn from our panel of professionals in the industry!

April Luncheon April 16, 2024 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM Indianapolis Marriott (Downtown) Register Now!

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Monthly Luncheon, Indianapolis Marriott

MAY 14TH

IndyCREW Day at the Track

JUNE 5TH

Lunch & Links, The Country Club of Indianapolis

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Your industry is hard to understand. It's very specialized and vastly different from other markets. Because of that, it takes a tremendous amount of product knowledge to deliver an effective marketing campaign to your customers.

Marketing superconductive polycarbonate micro widgets requires a unique skill. If

you add someone to the marketing team who is new to this industry, they'll have a big learning curve.

To take it a step further, even against your competition, your product is especially unique. Your *superconductive polycarbonate micro widgets* are extra superconductive. They're made of the best in polycarbonate materials and the widgets have the most micro features available on the market. You're the best in your class, and that should make you stand out. How could you ever put together a good marketing campaign without understanding all of this?



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Let's come back down to earth for a moment and talk about real marketing solutions. Your superconductive

polycarbonate micro widgets sound very interesting, but your customers don't understand them. In fact, the odds are they will never really understand them. But there is one thing they will always understand.

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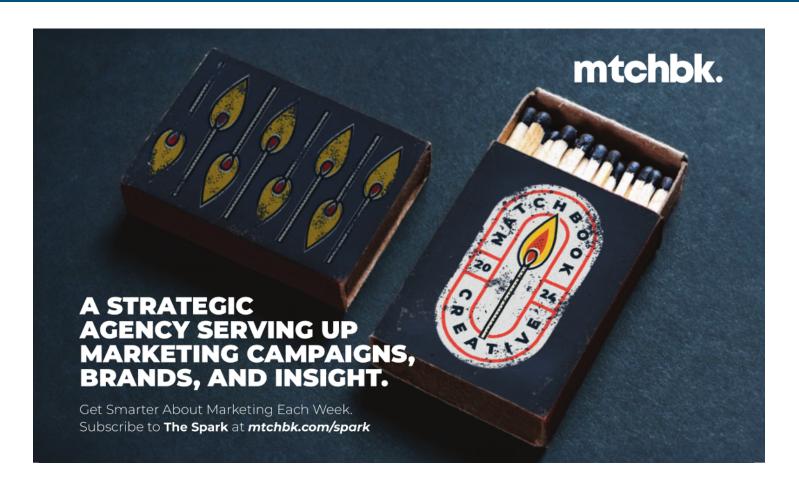
This is where marketers often get derailed. By default, brand managers tend to think their *product* is the thing they need to market. They look for employees and partnerships that work in their field already and have experience with their complex or unique products. But more often than not, these complexities will never resonate with your customers. The only thing customers really understand is their own needs and wants. If you do your job right, they will understand why your product is the answer. But what will you say to prove you can meet those needs and appeal to those wants? The answer is almost never something about you. It's about them.

You have the most superconductive product made of the best polycarbonate materials. But your customers want faster results, fewer breakdowns, softer skin, firmer abs, or a sharper image.

So, when you start putting together your next marketing strategy, it's good to learn about your product. I'm confident that will come in handy at some point. But what you really need is someone who can understand your customers.

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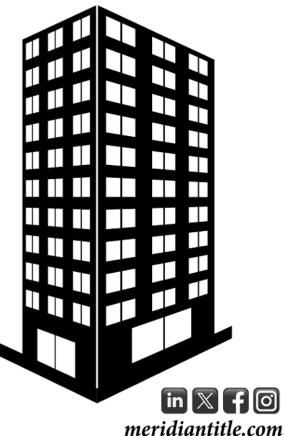


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Healing is More than a Buzzword...It's a MINDSET.

By Mary Beth Oakes, CEO of Business Furniture + Co.

As the CEO of Business Furniture, I've always believed in the power of spaces to nurture healing and well-being. Our latest project, the "A Healing MINDSET" pop-up healthcare studio, opening this April in downtown Fishers, embodies this belief. It goes beyond being a mere reaction to the challenges of the pandemic; it's a heartfelt response and a commitment to creating spaces that are not only reactive but also proactive, ready for the uncertainty's life may throw our way.

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The pandemic has been a formidable teacher. It taught us that spaces need to be flexible, ready to adapt to the unexpected, and provide solace in uncertain times. "A Healing MINDSET" is our way of translating these lessons into action. From the moment you step into the waiting area, we aim to offer more than just a physical space. We want it to be a sanctuary that whispers comfort and reassurance when you need it most.

Wellness is not just a buzzword for us; it's an integral part of the healing journey. "A Healing MINDSET" is our heartfelt approach to healthcare design, emphasizing the emotional well-being of patients and the incredible professionals who guide them through their journeys. Every detail, from the calming colors to the cozy seating and innovative layouts, is chosen with heart and purpose. We have even dedicated spaces for our healthcare heroes to recharge and find connections, recognizing the importance of their well-being.

What truly excites me about "A Healing MINDSET" is its agility and flexibility. It's not a rigid concept; instead, it's designed to embrace the latest innovations and cutting-edge developments in medicine. We are committed to staying in sync with the ever-evolving healthcare landscape, ensuring that our spaces continue to meet the dynamic needs of both patients and healthcare providers.

I invite you to join us on this heartfelt journey of reshaping healthcare spaces. Together, let's create environments where wellness isn't just a feature—it's the beating heart of the healing process. "A Healing MINDSET" is a commitment to a future where healthcare spaces are not just functional but also deeply compassionate and supportive.

I look forward to sharing more insights and stories with you soon as we embark on this transformative journey. Come see for yourself, book your tour here.

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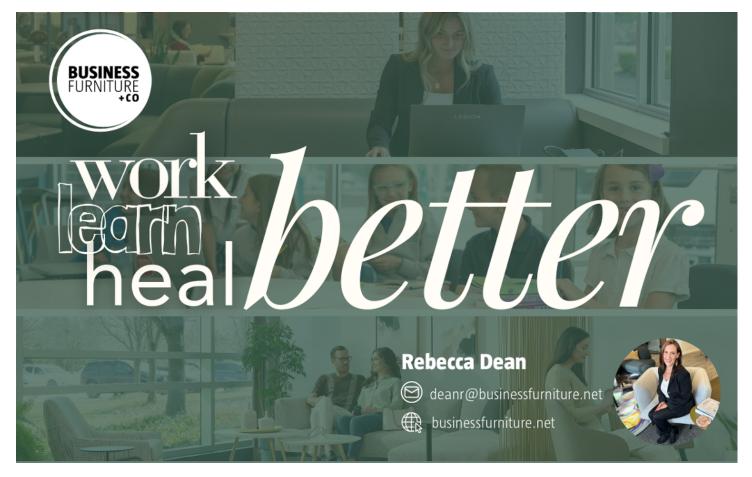
Applications are open from Jan. 3 - April 15

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For more details, go to our website.

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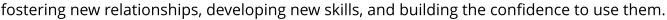


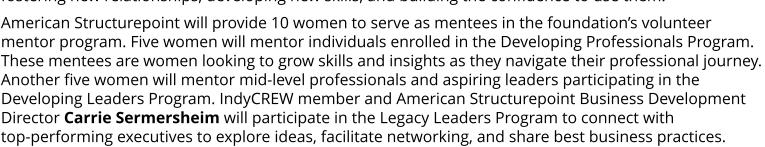
American Structurepoint: Empowering Women in the Workplace

In March, Women's History Month and Women in Construction Week (March 2 – 9), emphasizes the importance of equity for women by celebrating the accomplishments of women throughout US history and in male-dominated industries. American Structurepoint is committed to supporting and advancing women within our 17 design centers across the US and throughout the architecture, construction, and engineering industries. Read on to discover the many ways we are supporting women.

New Partnership With Pass The Torch For Women Foundation

American Structurepoint is partnering with the Indianapolis-based Pass the Torch for Women Foundation. The organization specializes in empowering women through mentoring, connecting, and investing in them at all stages of their careers. The foundation cultivates a space for women to grow by





Check Out Cheers with Engineers Podcast

American Structurepoint invites you to check out the engaging and informative "Cheers with Engineers" podcast, hosted by IndyCREW member and American Structurepoint Project Engineer **Kylie Bright-Schuler.** Kylie, who works in our civil engineering group, interviews men and women across the engineering industry as she digs into career development, industry challenges, and engineering success stories. You can find the podcast on <u>Apple</u> and <u>Spotify</u>.

American Structurepoint Receives Diversity Award in Cleveland

American Structurepoint received the 2023 Employer of the Year Award from the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Northeast Ohio Chapter. The award annually recognizes an organization for recruiting, retaining, and advancing women in the transportation industry. Hiring and developing a diverse Cleveland workforce was a key goal when the design center opened in 2019. Today, the Cleveland technical staff is about 30% female, which is more than double the 13.7% of women comprising the US engineering workforce in 2023.

Saluting our IndyCREW Members

We salute the outstanding IndyCREW members who work at American Structurepoint and improve the quality of life for the people and communities we serve.



Carrie Sermersheim



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Goals: Plan, Commit & Achieve

Setting goals has always been an important initiative in my career. Research shows it motivates us, gives us a sense of purpose and helps us better recognize our accomplishments. However, the concept of setting and realizing goals is often easier said than done. Here are some tips that I've learned throughout my career to help in your goal setting journey (plus a fun alternative).

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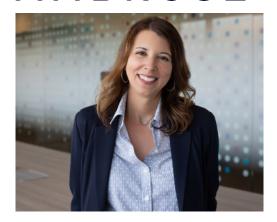
Picking a Topic

Each year, I create a list of professional goals I want to achieve that are geared towards my role. They may be project based, for example rolling out a specific program, or they may emphasize professional development through training or a conference. Pick a goal topic that makes sense for either your role today or the direction you want to grow.

Setting S.M.A.R.T. Goals

I find it helpful to make sure the goals are **s**pecific, **m**easurable, **a**ctionable, **r**elevant and **t**imebound aka S.M.A.R.T. I always include a due date when selecting goals. I've also found it helpful to share my goals with my boss, peers and even my spouse for accountability.

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Staying on Track

Each month, I review the goals and tweak or adjust them. Sometimes goals need to be modified because they are no longer relevant as originally written. Of course, it also feels great to be able to check off goals as they are completed and accomplished!

What about a Word?

Something else I implemented back in 2019 and continue today is a Word of the Year. Choose one word that resonates with you; a word that you want to focus on for the entire year. This one word helps bring intention, focus and clarity to what we want to create in our lives.

In selecting your word, first reflect on the past year and ask yourself what you could use more or less of in your life. Next, brainstorm a list of words that come to mind. Examples include joy, present, serve, simplify, resilient and forgiveness. A full list of ideas can be found here.

Finally, circle the three words that stand out most. From that short list, select the one word you want to commit to for the year. Commit is the keyword! Once you've selected your word of the year, write it down where you can see it every day. Review your word each month to see how you are doing. What actions have you taken to focus on that word? What needs to change?

My 2022 word was adventure; my 2023 word was health; and my 2024 word is growth.

Recognize your Accomplishments

The most important part of your goal journey is remembering that every step – no matter how big or small – is a step toward your goal. Be patient with your progress, and when you finally complete your goal - celebrate! Whether it's sharing with family or friends, treating yourself to a new item or simply writing a check mark on your goal tracking sheet, take the time to celebrate your accomplishment. You've earned it!

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The Science and Art of Commercial Real Estate Site Selection

By: Sam Lowder, <u>Kimley-Horn</u>

Plenty of data sources help commercial real estate developers select new sites. Many want to feed it through software and press a magic button to identify the perfect site. Unfortunately, that simple solution does not exist.

Artificial intelligence (AI) can help clean data, minimize manual tasks, and make better models—but it is a far cry from offering a one-click process. Site selection combines science and art—the science being data and modeling and the art being market knowledge and boots on the ground. Both are equally important to identify and minimize risks in selecting the best sites for commercial real estate.

The Science: Types of Data Collection for Site Selection - Each industry will use unique data sources for decision making, but all site selectors should use sources like the US census and mobility data.

Census Data - The US census is a once-a-decade population and housing count identifying ethnicity, income, and economy in an area. After the initial survey, the data takes two to three years to be released.

While the census provides a baseline, localities evolve, and demographic providers often need to model from the census year

to the current date to discover emerging trends. Some providers are better at population growth forecasts, while others focus on demographic changes.

Aggregated and Anonymized Mobile Data - Mobile activity data can provide insight into travel patterns, define trade areas, analyze cannibalization, and determine cross-shopping. However, mobile activity data is two-dimensional, only plotting device locations and activity on a flat surface. Therefore, solely relying on it can skew an analysis. For example: if you use the number of visitors as your performance variable, a location in a 30-story building could over-perform based on available data compared to a single-story location.

The Art: Getting Boots on the Ground - Despite rapid advances in technology and AI, they lack the human element of site selection. Data and projections also do not eliminate the need for in-person site analysis and market knowledge.

Site Characteristics - A site can seem exceptional based on the data, key performance indicators, and metrics, but visibility, ingress and egress, topography, and more are vital to the success of a location. Spreadsheets do not show how visible a building may be from the road due to topography or landscaping, and they do not project how future development plans will impact the parcels of land.

Clarifying Data - Going to sites also helps clarify and verify data, and a site selection process that uses a high-level screening analysis is the best practice. If a site passes the initial survey, then more time can be spent determining that initial projections fit with the first-hand site knowledge.

Successful real estate site selection is a balancing act of science and art. There may never be a magic button for site selection, but a combination of the right statistics and the human experience gives retailers the best insights to inform where they choose their next location.

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Don't Miss These 4 Commercial Real Estate Strategies in 2024

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There are still great opportunities for commercial investment and real estate growth – so long as investors are prepared to act quickly when they emerge. Fortunately, commercial real estate investors can use these strategies to maximize current and new investments.

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Indiana's New Successor Tax Liability for Bulk Transfers

By <u>Ali Sylvia</u> with supplemental research provided by <u>Cody Coldren</u> of <u>Plews</u> <u>Shadley Racher & Braun LLP</u>

Effective January 1, 2024, Indiana Code 6-8.1-10-9.5, enacted by SB 419, imposes new requirements for businesses engaging in sales of more than half of the tangible assets of thebusiness (a "transfer in bulk"),through either an asset or stock sale for transfers occurring after February 14, 2024. The law holds successors liable for the seller's past due sales, use, county

innkeeper's, and food and beverage tax, including penalties and interest up to the purchase price or value of the tangible personal business property transferred.

Under this new law, whenever a business engages in a "transfer in bulk," the transferring business (Transferor) and potential successor in liability (Transferee) must notify the Indiana Department of Revenue (IDOR) of the t

notify the Indiana Department of Revenue (IDOR) of the transfer and the terms and conditions of the transfer (Notice) by completing IDOR's Form 57309. This Notice must include the tax identification number of both the Transferor and Transferee, value and percentage of tangible business assets being sold and a list of closed and active Indiana tax accounts. The Notice must be signed by both parties and be delivered at least 45 days before taking possession of the assets or paying the purchase price for the transfer. Notices can be submitted to IDOR via INTIME e-service portal or by mail.

Whether a transfer constitutes a "transfer in bulk" is determined by measuring the tangible personal business property (furniture, equipment, fixtures, inventory, but excluding real estate) at all of the Transferor's locations combined. If there are no outstanding tax liabilities, IDOR will issue a Tax Clearance Letter to both parties within 20 days of receipt of the Notice. However, if outstanding tax liabilities of the Transferor exist, then IDOR will issue a summary of those outstanding liabilities to the parties within 20 days of receipt of the Notice. A Tax Clearance Letter is valid for 60-days.

Parties to a transaction selling 50% or more of a seller's tangible business assets should make sure to provide legal protections against successor liabilities in the purchase agreement, bill of sale or other transaction documents. If your business or client has any questions regarding the new Successor Tax Liability for Bulk Transfers, contact <u>Ali Sylvia</u> at Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP to help you navigate compliance with the new statutory requirements and avoid potential successor liability.

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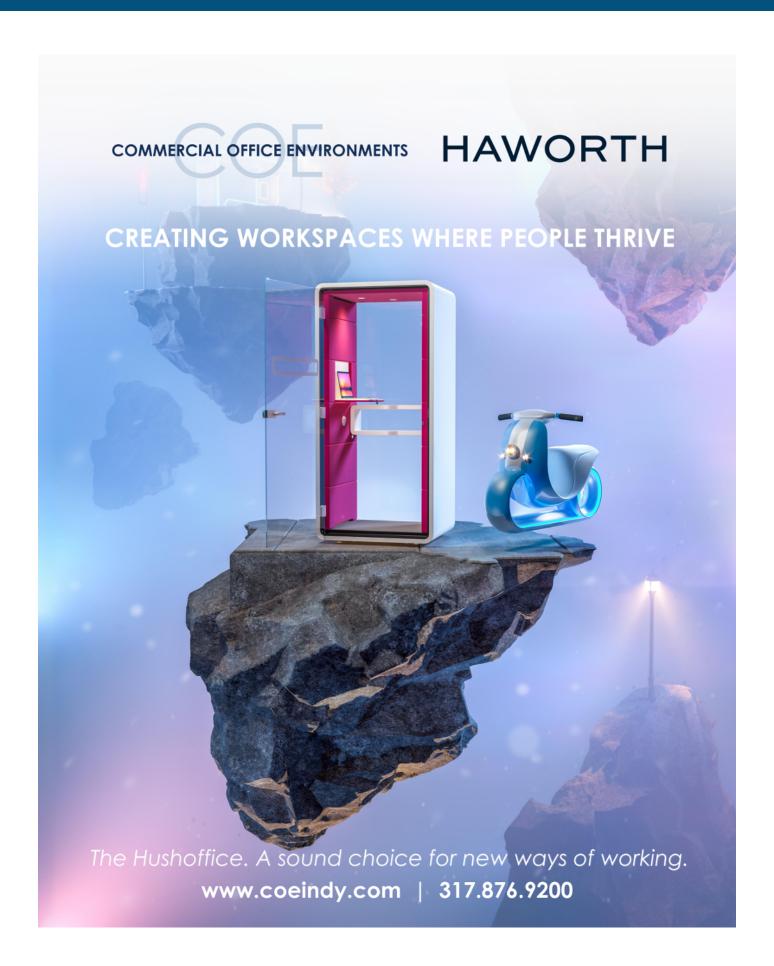
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Creating New Opportunity for Multifamily Investment

By Michelle Small, Senior Vice President, FHA Chief Underwriter at Merchants Capital

Increased demand for housing and constraints on new supply are <u>raising prices</u> <u>across Indiana</u>. Since 2021, the <u>cost of purchasing an "average-price" home</u> in Indianapolis increased by a range of 61% to 88%. Rental prices in Indianapolis also increased, in some cases, by <u>more than 13 percent</u> year-over-year.

Incomes haven't kept pace. Individuals would need to work two and a half days, from 30 hours to 58 hours more, to <u>cover the added housing costs</u>.

At the same time, Indiana is receiving an influx of new residents, including a <u>+ 5,200 net migration</u> in 2022, and 208 foreign companies that committed to <u>locate or expand here</u> in 2023 (creating 21,866 new jobs). With a reputation as an affordable cost-of-living market, Indiana has an even greater need to add housing inventory. An estimated 66,000 – 115,000 <u>additional housing units are needed</u> to accommodate a growing population.

But adding inventory isn't simple.

Cost and Interest Rate Challenges

Rising labor and material costs are rippling through nearly every sector of the economy, challenging construction and real estate development.

Nationally, <u>11.6% fewer multifamily units</u> are currently under construction compared to the first three quarters of 2022. The lack of new supply is projected to affect the availability of apartments, rental homes, senior living and student housing. The most vulnerable are low-income residents, who depend on affordable options.

The cost of borrowing money, a fundamental component of real estate development, has compounded the problem of high costs. The Federal Reserve has tightened the money supply in several recent quarters to cool the economy, which has the effect of raising interest rates and the cost of borrowing for the creation and preservation of multifamily housing supply.

All of this compounds into a challenging, more expensive environment for housing investment—even in multifamily, which has been a strong-performing asset class over many cycles.

Loan Assumptions: A Creative Option for Investment

As a leading multifamily lender, Merchants Capital is helping borrowers capitalize on opportunities that do exist in commercial real estate—despite current challenges. Loan assumptions, for example, can be advantageous for buyers, sellers and lenders, creating a reduced-risk, win-win opportunity to transact.

Loan assumptions enable borrowers to acquire a property from a seller and take over the current loan. This helps buyers capitalize on a lower interest rate, sellers gain a higher sale price and lenders stabilize underperforming loans and/or expand relationships with strong borrowers. It can be an

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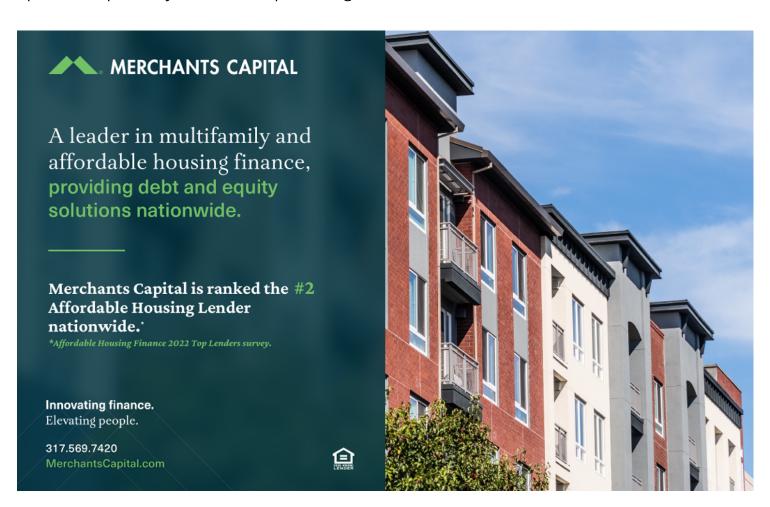
efficient process, with some assumptions taking as little as 60 days—far less time-consuming than many new loan originations.

Not all loans qualify for loan assumptions, but many multifamily Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) loans do.

Lenders have a structured process to vet new borrowers, typically following mortgage credit guidelines established by the agencies or loan investor. But buyers with a solid balance sheet, liquidity and experience in the sector are strong contenders for loan assumptions.

Clarity, communication and collaboration are key to the process. The involved parties, which also include brokers, attorneys, the lender and loan servicer, must maintain consistency on loan details, including a pre-negotiated right for assumption, provisions and assumption terms, the interest rate, outstanding balance, remaining term and adjustments for property taxes and insurance, etc.

Borrowers currently have a great opportunity with interest rate-friendly loan assumptions, but they are not advantageous for all strategies. A borrower might prefer to go the traditional route if rehabilitations are contemplated now or in the future. Working with a trusted advisor, familiar with the multitude of financing options tailored to your individual strategy, is the best way to evaluate options to optimize your cost of capital and get deals done.



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