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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION HOLDS DISPARITY STUDY MEETING IN GARY**

**SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, MINORITY, WOMEN ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**Gary, Indiana**-All Gary and Northwest Indiana, Minority, Women and Veteran –Owned businesses are invited to attend a Disparity Study Meeting hosted by the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in Gary.

The IDOA will host a series of meetings across the state to discuss contract work with the state of Indiana and to gain information that will assist the state in increasing opportunities for small, minority and woman-owned businesses.

The meeting in Gary on November 12<sup>th</sup> will be held at ArtHouse, 411 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Interested parties may attend one of two sessions: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.-both at ArtHouse.

All business owners and interested parties are welcome. The meetings are scheduled to hear from local businesses. Locations for other IDOA Disparity Study meetings next week include Indianapolis on November 13 and Evansville on November 14.

For more information contact IDOA at 317-234-9521 or via email: [Krich@idoa.IN.gov](mailto:Krich@idoa.IN.gov) or BBC Research & Consulting at 303-321-2547; [jstout@bbcresearch.com](mailto:jstout@bbcresearch.com).

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