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SWITZERLAND COUNTY PARTICIPATES IN REGIONAL GROUP
JON BOND TO CO-CHAIR REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Switzerland County, IN (Friday, June 13, 2008) –

Switzerland County will be represented on a new committee that will oversee an exciting workforce and educational development project sponsored by the Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding for EcO₁₅ project was awarded in December, 2007. The project seeks to create a world-class advance manufacturing workforce in Southeast Indiana by building the basic worker training infrastructure that will enable companies to customize training to meet their needs and to raise the basic level of education and workforce training in the region.

The EcO₁₅ Initiative will be guided by a 40-member regional advisory council. The council will be made up of representatives from each of the 10 counties and will include leaders from community foundations, education institutions, workforce partners, private industry employers, economic development organizations and government representatives.

Jon Bond, of the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation has been selected as a co-chair for the council. Also representing Switzerland County on the EcO₁₅ Advisory Council is Pam Acton, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Virginia Reeves, representing the Switzerland County School System, and Robert Tedesco, Switzerland County's representative on the Region Nine Workforce Investment Board.

The project will provide grant dollars to the community to implement the project, including funds to hire a project coordinator. The three-year project is expected to begin in Switzerland County in early 2009.

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