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State Economic Development Association Meets in Switzerland County

The Indiana Economic Development Association held their summer meeting at the Belterra Resort and Casino in Switzerland County. Among those in attendance were over 180 state officials, local economic developers and economic development advisors from Indiana and surrounding states. It was the first time the group has met in Switzerland County.

The Indiana Economic Development Association is an organization with over 350 members representing state, regional, and local economic development organizations. Currently, 90 of Indiana's 92 counties are represented by an economic development department or organization. The group holds four meetings annually at various points around the state.

"This is an influential group of state policy makers and I think the county made a good impression" said Mike Jones, president of Switzerland County Council, who gave a welcoming address to the group on the morning of Friday, June 2.

While summer road construction made it a challenge for some guests to get to the county, members were pleased with what they found when they arrived. "This is a beautiful facility," said Scott Naltner, of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Development Alliance, who currently serves as President of the Indiana Economic Development Association.

"This group has now seen that they can come to Switzerland County and get nicer facilities and more professional service than they have gotten anywhere else in Indiana," said Jon Bond of the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation. "I think we will see them back for meetings in the future."

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