

Switzerland County Economic Development Strategy Update Newsletter



What's New:

- *Switzerland County Unveils Economic Development Website*
- *Internet Survey Coming to Switzerland County*
- *State Development Association Meets at Belterra*

Switzerland County Unveils Economic Development Website

The Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation has unveiled a new website to help market the community to prospective businesses and to provide information within the county. The site was released on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 and can be found at <http://www.switzerlandusa.com>.

The site was created with two primary goals in mind. First the site was designed to provide quick, convenient information to businesses searching for a place to locate a facility. The site will provide them with current economic and population figures for the com-

munity as well as a list of available sites. The second goal of the site is to provide information to businesses and residents of Switzerland County on what opportunities might exist for them in the area. A second component to the site, to be added in six to eight weeks, is specifically targeted for county residents and local graduates who currently live away from the county.

The website was funded by a Community Comeback Grant awarded by the State of Indiana in 2004. Funding was also provided by Switzerland County and the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation.



Switzerland County's Economic Development website is up and running.

Switzerland County's Internet Survey Results

The Switzerland County Broadband Advisory Group conducted a survey of county residents and businesses to determine the demand for high speed internet in areas of the county currently not served. Currently, high speed internet is available in the areas around Vevay, East Enterprise, and Patriot. By the Advisory Group's most recent estimate, this leaves over 75% of the county without coverage.

The survey results showed overwhelming demand for high speed internet in Switzerland County by both residents and

businesses.

Anyone interested in high speed internet who was not surveyed should contact the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation with their name, address and telephone number, so they can be contacted when a service becomes available in the area. The Economic Development Corporation can be reached at (812)427-9100, or by mail at P.O.Box 192, Vevay, IN 47043. The email address is info@switzerlandusa.com.

State Development Association Meets at Belterra

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 and economic development department or organization.



The State Economic Development Association met at the Belterra Resort in early June.

