

University Research Programs and Centers

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

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Building Better Communities

(765) 285-2773
<http://www.bsu.edu/bbc>

Building Better Communities provides one-stop service to partners across Indiana by connecting them with Ball State University expertise and resources that help solve local problems. Through customized efforts, our work results in stronger businesses, improved communities, and more efficient government agencies.

Immersive learning is the hallmark of a Ball State education. Student driven teams work with communities, businesses, and government agencies to develop real-world solutions to real-world problems. Building Better Communities is Ball State's front door for community partners seeking to benefit from bright, passionate students' immersive learning projects.

In addition to immersive learning, Building Better Communities offers strategic planning, research, consulting, subject-matter experts, and training.

Center for Business and Economic Research (formerly the Bureau for Business Research)

(765) 285-5926
<http://www.bsu.edu/cber>

The Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) is the main research unit within the College of Business at Ball State University. The Center works with businesses and governments to assist them in their research and information needs.

College of Architecture and Planning, Indianapolis Center

(317) 822-6167
<http://www.bsu.edu/capic>

CAP:IC is part of a diverse family of design centers nationwide. Some are associated with universities while others are independent non-profit organizations. Design centers take on a wide array of purposes. Some focus primarily on advocacy and community-building. Others do actual design and planning that result in construction documents and plans that are built. CAP:IC falls

somewhere in the middle with a mix of advocacy, community building, and facilitating conceptual design and planning.

Plastics Research and Education Center

(765) 285-5695

<http://www.bsu.edu/plastics>

The plastics center uses the resources of Ball State University to address the needs of the plastics industry in Indiana. The vision is to have the targeted region recognized as a global leader in the plastics industry. The mission is to provide strategies and support implementation of those strategies in order to create a substantial and sustainable advantage for plastics companies.

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

200 N. Seventh St.

Terre Haute, Indiana 47809

1-800-468-6478

<http://www.indstate.edu>

Business Engagement Center

(812) 237-2536

<http://www.indstate.edu/businessengagement/>

Engaging with business to provide university commercialization services and experimental learning opportunities.

Center for Public Support & Community Engagement

(812) 237-2334

<http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice/>

The Center for Community Engagement was established to serve as a "front door" to Indiana State University. Our purpose is to enhance the quality of life in the Wabash Valley and State of Indiana by providing opportunities for nonprofit and profit organizations, governmental agencies, and citizens to access the service and programs of the University. We also provide individual support for students, staff, and faculty who are interested in community engagement projects.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

107 S. Indiana Ave.

Bloomington, Indiana 47405

(812) 855-4848

<http://www.indiana.edu>

IBRC (Indiana Business Research Center)

(812) 855-5507 -or- (317) 274-2979

<http://www.ibrc.indiana.edu>

www.bsu.edu/bbc

Established in 1925, the Indiana Business Research Center is an integral unit in the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. The IBRC provides and interprets the economic information needed by the state's business, government and nonprofit organizations, as well as users of such information throughout the nation.

The IBRC maintains databases on numerous topics such as income, employment, taxes, sectors of the economy, education, demographics and a host of other economic indicators for the nation, the state and local areas. In addition, the Center conducts original research to generate needed information when existing data are not available or sufficient.

The many web sites developed and maintained by the IBRC include:

- IBRC Trends & Analysis (www.ibrc.indiana.edu)
- STATS Indiana (www.stats.indiana.edu)
- Census 2000 in Indiana (www.census.indiana.edu)
- National Clearinghouse for the State Data Center Program, a network of 1,500 agencies nationwide (www.sdcbidc.iupui.edu)

IVY TECH STATE COLLEGE

50 West Fall Creek Parkway North Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46208

(317) 921-4800

<http://www.ivytech.edu>

Center for Workforce Development-Office of Business and Industry Training

Serves industry, small business, government, and non-profit agencies in analyzing training needs, assessing employees' skill levels, and recommending and implementing optimal training programs.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

West Lafayette, Indiana 47907

(765) 494-4600

<http://www.purdue.edu>

Center for Rural Development

Phone: (765) 494-4191

<http://www.ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/crd.aspx>

The Center was established to bring university resources together to: assist public and private sectors as they work toward solving rural development problems; provide a range of educational programs; coordinate and support research that improves understanding of economic and community development issues; and, provide issue-relevant information to individuals and groups interested in rural development.

765-285-2773

www.bsu.edu/bbc

Cooperative Extension Service

(765) 494-7273

<http://www.extension.purdue.edu/ecd/>

Four programs exist within the umbrella of the Cooperative Extension Service, including:

- **Agriculture and Natural Resources Program**
Providing lifelong education, training, and technical assistance to people and businesses with agricultural and natural resource related interests.
- **Leadership and Community Development**
- **Consumer and Family Sciences**
Informal education program that increases knowledge, influences attitudes, teaches skills, and inspired aspirations.
- **4-H and Youth**

4-H incorporates fun educational opportunities, development of leadership skills, and adult training with hands-on, age appropriate, university-based activities.

Indiana Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center

(317) 275-6810 or (800) 877-5182

<http://www.purdue.edu/TAP/MEP>

Formerly known as the Indiana Business Modernization and Technology Corporation (BMT), the MEP center is now under the direction of Purdue University's Technical Assistance Program (TAP). Its aim is to provide Indiana manufacturers with the resources they need to adapt to the changing technological requirements in the manufacturing sector.

Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

(765) 494-9189

<http://www.tap.purdue.edu/>

TAP is designed to help Indiana business, industry, and government use the resources of Purdue University in order to develop and implement new technologies for the economic benefit of clients and the state.