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Metro Indianapolis to Release Export Plan on Feb. 19

INDIANAPOLIS—Metro Indianapolis business and civic leaders will discuss their new regional export plan at a forum on Thursday, February 19, *Global Cities Indianapolis: Building and Sustaining a Competitive Region*. This forum, hosted by the Global Cities Initiative, a joint project of the Brookings Institution and JPMorgan Chase, will be held at Indianapolis' Alexander Hotel.

During the forum Mayor Ballard and other metropolitan leaders from around the country will discuss ways to strengthen the Metro Indy economy by expanding local business opportunities with international markets. Michael Huber, president and CEO of the Indy Chamber, will present the region's new export plan, produced as part of the Global Cities Initiative's Exchange.

Launched in 2012, the Global Cities Initiative helps business and civic leaders grow their metropolitan economies by strengthening international connections and competitiveness. GCI activities include producing data and research to guide decisions, fostering practice and policy innovations, and facilitating its Exchange, a peer learning network of 28 metro areas working together to develop export and foreign direct investment strategies.

WHEN:

Thursday, February 19, 9:30AM – 11:30 ET

Registration and networking breakfast will begin at 8:30AM ET

WHERE:

The Alexander Hotel Ballroom

333 South Delaware Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

PROGRAM:

- 8:30-9:30 AM Registration and Networking Breakfast
- 9:30 AM Welcoming Remarks
Al Smith, Chairman, Chase Indiana
- 9:35 AM Opening Remarks
The Honorable Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor, City of Indianapolis
- 9:40 AM Presentation
Amy Liu, Senior Fellow and Co-Director, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program; Co-director, Global Cities Initiative
- 10:00 AM Metro Indy Export Plan Announcement
Michael Huber, President and Chief Executive Officer, Indy Chamber
- 10:10 AM Panel: Building a Globally Competitive Region
Moderator: Marek Gootman, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Global Initiatives, Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program
Kathy Davis, President and Owner, Davis Design Group and Former Lieutenant Governor, State of Indiana
Jeffrey A. Day, Founder, International Leverage, LLC and Board Member, EHOB China Holdings
Gil Lutz, Associate Vice President for International Affairs, Indiana University; Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs, IUPUI
Mary Ellen Wiederwohl, Chief of Louisville Forward, Louisville Metro Government
- Audience Q&A
- 11:15 AM Adjourn

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