

Advantages of Being a Northeast Indiana Chamber Coalition Member

- ★ Fourteen (14) area Chambers, Encompassing Ten Counties (10), United as One Voice for North East Indiana.
- ★ Valued-Added Service For All Individual Business Members of Local Chambers who are Involved in the Coalition.
- ★ Awareness of Issues Affecting North East Indiana on the State & Federal levels.
- ★ Networking with Area Elected Officials and Business Leaders.
- ★ Develop Pro-Business/Pro-Community Public Policy Positions to facilitate Positive Growth in North East Indiana.

Northeast Indiana Chamber Coalition's Chamber Day at the State House

The NEICC, in conjunction with the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, charters a bus for a trip down to Indianapolis where all of its members can meet with their area legislators and express their opinions about current legislation. A lunch is provided with the legislators at the Columbia Club. This entire day event is OPEN to any NEICC Chamber members. The event date varies depending on if it is a long (odd years) or short session (even years) of the Indiana General Assembly.



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PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

Angola Area Chamber of Commerce

Berne Chamber of Commerce

Decatur Chamber of Commerce

DeKalb Chamber Partnership

Greater Fort Wayne
Chamber of Commerce

Huntington County
Chamber of Commerce

Kendallville Area
Chamber of Commerce

LaGrange County
Chamber of Commerce

Leo/Cedarville Chamber of Commerce

New Haven Chamber of Commerce

North Manchester Chamber of Commerce

Waterloo Chamber of Commerce

Wells County Chamber of Commerce

Whitley County Chamber of Commerce

NEICC Mission Statement

The *Northeast Indiana Chamber Coalition* is comprised of Chambers of Commerce joined together under the common goal of improving the business climate in

Northeast Indiana by promoting free enterprise and an enhanced quality of life in our communities. Under the guidance of each Coalition member's Board of Directors, the *Coalition* develops and communicates its endorsed issue positions with federal, state and local government officials as well as educates its individual business members on issues affecting their ability to be a leader in the State and Nation, as well as in the global economy.



Achievements

The largest and first urban area to pass the early elimination of the inventory tax.

Pilot program for personal property tax abatement that is now in effect state wide.

Supports the Graduate Retention Program for NE Indiana.

Collaborated to save the Social Security office that serves the four Northern counties.

Joined efforts to encourage the Fort to Port highway project.

Current participants

Jack Bercaw, Angola
Chad Gilbert Berne
Wes Kuntzman, Decatur
Kelly Knox, DeKalb
Mike Landram, Ft. Wayne
Steve Kimmel, Huntington
Katee Schalau, Kendallville
Patrick Wiltshire, LaGrange
Richard Worman, Leo/Cedarville
Vince Buchanan, New Haven
Tim McLaughlin, North Manchester
Ken Surber, Waterloo
Suzanne Huffman, Wells County
Sara Lochner-Goff, Whitley County



NEICC DC Fly-In

**Your Voice Needs to be
Heard in Washington!**

Join other business leaders for the Northeast Indiana Chamber Coalition's Annual D.C. Fly-in. The goal is to bring the "Voice of Indiana Business" to our congressmen and senators in Washington. The first night, the staff directors of the congressmen and senators from North East Indiana are invited to participate in a reception and dinner.

The following day the work begins! Each congressman and senator from North East Indiana are invited to attend a breakfast briefing. The Fly-in will conclude with important visits to congressional offices to meet with their respective chief-of-staff and legislative directors to discuss key issues or you can take a tour of congress, starting in each respective congressional office.



Picture from the 2009 NEICC D.C. Fly-In