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U.S. Senator Mike Braun, R-Indiana: Sen. Braun was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018. He is the founder & CEO of Meyer Distributing, a company he built in his hometown of Jasper, Ind. that employs hundreds of Americans across the country. After starting at Meyer Body Company in 1981 & eventually acquiring full ownership, Sen. Braun transitioned from the manufacturing sector to the distribution markets, forming Meyer Distributing. Since then, Meyer has grown to be among the industry leaders in auto parts distribution. Senator Braun serves as co-chairman of the bipartisan Senate Climate Solutions Caucus.



Tom Dakich, Managing Member, Digital Crossroad Data Center: Tom's 35 years of practice has centered on the development of telecommunications & data centers, including more than \$500 million in transactions from sales or mergers of companies domestic & international. Tom has represented & been a part of the legal & development teams that own urban data centers throughout the world, including the Quinby Building in Los Angeles, GNO TeleHouse in London, various entities in Indianapolis & New York City. Tom's broad-ranged expertise includes labor, city, state & federal government negotiations.



Greg Crowley, Founder & President, Crowley Engineering: With more than 25 years of engineering experience & licenses in 10 states, Greg is a trusted technical advisor, providing informed guidance & formulating strategy to assist municipal, commercial, industrial & transportation organizations around the world to overcome significant facilities maintenance & operations challenges. His areas of expertise include utility systems (water, wastewater, storm water, electric, natural gas & renewables), HVAC, energy management systems & mechanical process equipment. Greg is actively involved in various civic activities across Chicagoland & NW Indiana, including the SSCC Board.

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Phil Reagon, Supervisor, Muncie Sanitary District: Phil has been in the sanitation industry since 1987. He originally started as a laborer sweeping floors before moving into the office full-time in 1999 & being promoted to Superintendent in 2013. In 2011, Muncie Sanitary District won the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence & the Green City Award for its recycling efforts. In 2013-14, Phil was instrumental in helping the department build a CNG fueling station & the district began using CNG for its entire fleet of front-line trucks. This past year, the district began construction of a new CNG-compliant maintenance facility and new offices.



Amy Hill, General Manager & CEO, South Bend Transpo: Amy joined Transpo in April 2013, bringing extensive marketing, communications, public relations, business development & community outreach experience. In the short time Amy has been with Transpo, the organization has rebranded, launched a new website, opened the first-fast fuel compressed natural gas fueling center in the region & transitioned to designated bus stops. Prior to joining Transpo, Amy worked in leadership roles with the American Red Cross, South Bend Silver Hawks Professional Baseball Club & Gibson Insurance.



Don Hadley, Government & Commercial Sales Manager, Bosak Ford Nissan Chevrolet: Don started his career with Ford in 1988 as a Finance Manager & Sales Manager in Olympia, Wash. He moved to Indiana in 1991 & started that year as a Sales Manager with Lake Shore Ford, now Bosak Ford Nissan Chevrolet. Don has served as a Sales Manager, Dealer Operations Manager, Commercial & Government Sales Manager & General Manager. He headed Lake Shore's SVT program, Electric Vehicle Program & community outreach programs with Ford's Drive 4UR Schools & Community programs. He has been a SSCC board member for 11 years & serves as current board president.

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Carl Lisek, Executive Director, South Shore Clean Cities: Since 2005, Carl has led South Shore Clean Cities, one of the U.S. Department of Energy's more than 75 Clean Cities coalitions. The U.S. DOE in 2021 selected SSCC to manage the only Clean Cities coalition serving all of Indiana. Clean Cities coalitions support the nation's energy & economic security by building partnerships to advance affordable domestic transportation fuels, energy efficient mobility systems & other fuel-saving technologies and practices. Carl was inducted in 2015 into the Clean Cities Hall of Fame. He is the Vice President & co-owner of Legacy Environmental Services, Inc. Carl is a Board Trustee of Transportation Energy Partners & Campagna Academy.



Sheriff Dave Reynolds, Porter County Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Reynolds was first elected in 1998 & is currently serving his fourth term. Sheriff Reynolds has more than 40 years of distinguished law enforcement experience. His implementation of a unified "One County, One Protocol" program, domestic violence, senior safety & drug prevention & education. He has taken an aggressive approach in combating the heroin epidemic by starting the Heroin Overdose Response Team (HORT), which investigates all drug overdose cases in the County. The department's fleet implemented hybrid squad cars in 2020 & continues to add electric equipment to its operations.



Kathy Luther, Chief of Staff, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission: Kathy has served NIRPC since 2007, taking on the Chief of Staff role in 2017 after 10 years as the Director of Environmental Programs. She currently coordinates interdepartmental activities & administration for the agency, which plans regionally for the investment of approximately \$250 million annual federal transportation dollars in Northwest Indiana. She also continues to oversee all environmental projects & programs for the organization. In addition to project and program management, she also serves as the Commission's primary liaison with environmental & natural resource agencies and advocacy groups.

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Matt Wells, Director of External Engagement & Partnerships, Purdue University Northwest: Matt serves in the Chancellor's cabinet as the university's primary business development executive & liaison to the public & private sectors. He also served from 2020 to 2021 in a loaned executive capacity as CEO to One Region & the Northwest Indiana Regional Opportunities Council, the private sector-led coalition of 30+ CEOs of the largest enterprises in the region focused on increasing population & household incomes in northwest Indiana. Matt recently organized a multi-state coalition around a master development vision for the greater south shore of Lake Michigan.



Steve Klein, Senior Marketing Manager, Renewable Energy Group: Steve leads efforts to promote the economic and value-added benefits of integrating biodiesel and other alternative fuels into distributor and retailer fuel programs for North America's largest producer of biodiesel. Prior to joining REG in 2019, Steve worked for Syngenta in a variety of sales and marketing leadership roles. He holds a master's degree in Agronomy and Crop Science from Iowa State University in addition to a bachelor's degree from Utah State University.



Anthony Maietta, Life Scientist, Region 5 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Air and Radiation Division: Anthony graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign with a B.S. in Ecology, Ethology and Evolution. Since 2003, his work at EPA includes reviewing and processing state clean air laws under the Clean Air Act, transportation conformity in Indiana and Ohio and managing voluntary programs such as the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative. He has worked on clean diesel programs since 2005 and serves as the technical contact for clean diesel grants in Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota.

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Danielle McGrath, President, Indiana Energy Association: Prior to joining the IEA, Danielle was the chief strategy officer & senior vice president for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, an organization committed to attracting & supporting business investment, creating new jobs for Hoosiers & positioning Indiana as one of the top states in the nation for doing business. McGrath also served in other various public service roles, including deputy chief of staff for former Governor Michael R. Pence & executive director of external affairs at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. She is an alumna of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series & in 2016, received a Sagamore of the Wabash.



David Wright, Planning & Marketing Manager, Gary Public Transportation Corporation: David was born and raised in Gary & is a 1989 graduate of Gary's Theodore Roosevelt High School. After Roosevelt, David attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, at which he earned a Bachelor of Science in Community and Regional Planning. Between Iowa and GPTC, David worked as a planner for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) in Portage, Indiana and as Director of Planning for the City of Gary. David is the father of two sons (adult David II, and 1-year-old Elijah) and currently lives in Gary with his wife Carmel and Elijah.



Mike Dehaven, Assistant Chief, Valparaiso Police Department: After growing up in Merrillville, IN where his father was one of the original 13 Merrillville police officers & served the town for more than 26 years, Mike attended the University of Indianapolis where he obtained a BS in Law Enforcement. He began his law enforcement career in Hendricks County, IN in the fall of 1993 & in 1996 became a Valparaiso police officer where he has served as patrolman, field training officer, standardized field sobriety test instructor, patrol corporal, detective, detective sergeant, evidence & property room custodian & patrol division captain. He & his wife of 25 years, Alicia, have two children, Michael & Addison.

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Sue Harrison, Director of Transportation, Michigan City Area

Schools: Sue serves as director of transportation for Michigan City Area Schools, a position she has held since 2012. Sue has a Bachelor's of Science degree majoring in Criminal Justice from Indiana University. Her first career was in law enforcement and she retired as a Lieutenant after 24 years of service from the Michigan City Police Department. She has led her school district's efforts to deploy propane school buses into their fleet along with their fueling infrastructure.



Kevin Kirkham, Manager of Business Development, NIPSCO:

Kevin is responsible for helping new customers get connected to NIPSCO infrastructure, including renewable energy programs. He was responsible for NIPSCO's pilot electric vehicle charging station program for homeowners & public charging stations. Kevin joined NiSource Inc. in 1992 & held various positions including Director of Strategic & Economic Analysis for NIPSCO & Director positions for NiSource in Corporate Development, Project Management Operations & NIPSCO's energy efficiency programs. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University & a Masters of Business Administration degree from IUN.



Taki Darakos, Vice President of Vehicle Maintenance & Fleet

Services, PITT OHIO: Taki joined Pitt Ohio in 2019. He & his team are responsible for supporting PITT OHIO in all fleet-related equipment activities, including managing the fleet life cycle from specification, procurement, maintenance & licensing through disposal. Taki has been in the transportation maintenance industry for the past 20 years. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a U.S. Army veteran & a graduate of Leadership Development Initiative through Leadership Pittsburgh. He is also a member & active participant of the American Trucking Association Technology and Maintenance Council.

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Shawn Seals, Senior Environmental Manager, Indiana Department of Environmental Management: Shawn's IDEM responsibilities include conducting air quality outreach & education sessions, criteria pollutant planning for 8-hour ozone & fine particulates, developing State Implementation Plans, as well as facilitating all transportation conformity issues for IDEM. He is also IDEM's primary contact for all things diesel & the administrator of the DieselWise Indiana program. Shawn is a co-lead for the State of Indiana's partnership with the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative. He also serves as IDEM's lead for transportation planning & the transportation conformity process & also IDEM's environmental point person for all fuel-type issues.



Nathan Oliver, Director of Transportation, Monroe County Community Schools: Nathan has been working for Monroe County Community School Corporation for the past five years. Most of his duties involve but are not limited to establishing all bus routes for MCCSC & monitoring the transportation budget & researching & implementing new technologies. He is proud of being able to implement EV school buses & EV infrastructure into the MCCSC fleet. Nathan lives in Bloomington, Indiana. He uses his free time to serve as President of a high school football booster club, help his son & daughter start businesses of their own & spend time with his family.



Doug Henderson, Senior Sales & Marketing, Co-Alliance: Doug serves senior sales and marketing for Co-Alliance's energy division. Doug joined Co-Alliance in 1997. Prior to joining C-Alliance, Doug was in energy sales for Hamilton County Co-op from 1990 to 2007. Doug manages 20 million gallons of business ranging from school districts to aggregate companies, landscapers, earth moving companies, IndyGo and trucking companies. Doug has spent 31 years in the industry and is looking forward to his retirement at the end of 2021.

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Belinda Puetz, Director of Business & Brand Management, CountryMark: Belinda joined CountryMark in 2007 & provides leadership on the company's sales, marketing, brand & sustainability initiatives. She previously served as the Biofuels Director for the Indiana Soybean Board, a writer for an Indianapolis ad agency & a field reporter for Indiana AgriNews. She earned a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics & Agricultural Communications from Purdue University, serves on the Purdue School of Agriculture Dean's Advisory Board, the Purdue Ag Alumni Board of Directors & South Shores Clean Cities' Board of Directors, is a past chairman of the Indiana FFA Foundation Board of Directors.



Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley, Director of Environmental Resilience, City of Goshen: Aaron has been the City Forester in Goshen since 2006 and became the Director of the Department of Environmental Resilience in 2020. He and his family live just outside of Goshen on some acreage with his brother and his family, and his sister and her husband. He has a BA in English and a Master's of Science in Natural Resource Management.



Dave Westerveld, Sales & Business Development Manager, Ozinga Energy: Dave started at Ozinga in 2006. In the past 15 years, he's worked across all major business units, including building materials, ready-mix concrete & Ozinga Energy. He's been an integral member of the Ozinga Energy team since 2014, helping to develop the department from just one employee to a robust 14. He's currently responsible for developing new vendor agreements & distributorships & working with public & private fleets & customers. During his tenure, Dave was also an integral part in launching the Los Angeles-based CNG West Coast division & worked to differentiate Ozinga Energy as a tailor-fit solutions company.

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Adam Wilkum, Business Development Manager, ROUSH CleanTech

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