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**Economic Growth Team  
Premiers**



**Indianapolis, IN, December 7, 2007** – Three of the state's premier firms have joined forces to create the Economic Growth Team.

The team will assist Indiana communities and private companies to build foundations for sustainable, long-term job growth and economic development.

The three firms, Hannum, Wagle and Cline Engineering (HWC), Garmong Construction and Strategic Development Group (SDG), will launch the partnership at the Indiana Economic Development Association's annual conference Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis.

What makes this alliance different is its comprehensive approach; it provides targeted professional services from surveys that gauge public support, financing and leasing assistance, to construction of environmentally sustainable infrastructure, sites and buildings.

"Businesses will locate and expand where there is suitable property, but they're also looking for good roads, good schools, affordable housing, attractive parks and vibrant downtowns," said Thayr Richey, president of SDG. "It's this total package that creates the strongest environment for job creation. Our new team will take us from helping communities create achievable plans to making those plans a reality."

The Economic Growth Team can help:

- Analyze economic and community development needs for sound planning;
- Prioritize capital improvements in areas such as business park development, transportation, land use, environmental protection, public facilities, and downtown revitalization;
- Finance, design and build selected capital improvements that will provide a firm foundation for present and future job growth.

Hannum, Wagle and Cline Engineering and Garmong Construction have been affiliated since 1989, and Garmong has been in business since 1923. Both firms have offices in Indianapolis, Lafayette, Scottsburg, and Terre Haute. Ralph Wagle, who serves as president of both firms, emphasized that, "The relationship between HWC and Garmong has been a tremendous advantage to our clients in providing seamless design, project financing, and build services. But positioning communities and companies to prosper requires *strategic* investments in infrastructure and facilities. With Strategic Development Group as a partner, we have added a new dimension to our ability to help our clients make wise investment decisions."

SDG has provided research, planning, and management services for hundreds of Indiana communities. The firm has been in business since 1991 with a corporate office in Bloomington.

The Economic Growth Team is now available to help communities and companies build sustainable foundations for successful futures.

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