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Census Results Impact Transportation Across Indiana

GARY (March 17, 2010) – A highway contractor whose business employs 25 workers voiced support for the 2010 census during a press conference Wednesday, March 17.

“An accurate count helps secure federal funding for road projects which support my business and provide good jobs for my employees,” said K.C. Thompson, owner of Thompson Iron & Construction, MBE/DBE, Gary, and a contractor for the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Census results impact transportation in a variety of ways. Indiana receives several billion dollars for transportation programs that use census data in their allocation. Those programs include highway planning and construction, federal transit formula grants, state and community highway safety programs, and the clean fuels program.

“The population data collected over the next several weeks will have a direct influence over the amount of federal transportation dollars the state receives as well as where the state spends those dollars,” said Robert Zier, INDOT chief of staff.

The event was the second of in series of 10 press conferences that call attention to the impact of census population counts on federal programs.

“We’re asking every Hoosier household to promptly complete and return their census form,” said Mark W. Everson, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Administration and the official who is directing outreach efforts for the State of Indiana. “The 2010 census will have a real impact on counties, cities and towns across Indiana for years to come.”

For more information about the census 2010 count, visit www.census.indiana.edu.

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