

MAYOR BALLARD EXPANDS GLOBAL REACH OF INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard expanded the global reach of Indianapolis and built upon its international presence here and abroad by establishing a formal relationship with The International Center today.

“This agreement will strengthen our ability to carry out our shared objectives of increasing the visibility of Indianapolis as an attractive destination for international development, international diplomacy and international exchange and making Indianapolis more competitive in the world marketplace,” said Mayor Ballard. “This partnership enables us to collaborate more closely in creating awareness of the international community that exists in our city and cultivating relationships throughout the world that promote Indianapolis and grow our international identity.”

Mayor Ballard and International Center President and CEO Diane Thomas signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and The International Center at The Center’s annual meeting. The MOU details support services The International Center will provide to the City of Indianapolis in the areas of protocol and visiting delegation services, the Indianapolis Sister City program, and Consular Corps services.

“Today is a special day for The International Center because we have so many things to celebrate,” said Thomas. “The collaboration between The Center and the City of Indianapolis has strengthened over the past three years, and our formal partnership allows us to work together on our shared mission of growing our international outreach and sister city relationships. Mayor Ballard’s commitment to the international dimensions of our city is evidenced by the work of his staff and further collaboration with the Consular Corps and the Sister Cities Committees.”

To view the MOU, please visit

<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/pressroom/2011/Pages/January-march2011.aspx>.