



# ACI Regional Meeting

## Sponsored by Crop Fertility Specialists

Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

### Wabash & Erie Canal Conference & Interpretive Center Delphi, Indiana

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Registration

3:00 p.m.

Ag Economic Outlook

- Jim Mintert, Director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture Purdue University, will provide an overview of the Indiana ag economy.

4:00 p.m.

Transportation and Infrastructure Discussion with INDOT and Indiana Corn &

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- You won't want to miss this interactive discussion regarding
  - How an INDOT plan becomes a project?
  - What projects are planned for the region?
  - How can ACI members most effectively engage with INDOT?
  - How does economic development factor into INDOT planning?
  - What is Small Urban and Rural Transportation Planning?
  - What resources are needed to protect rural bridges?

5:00 p.m.

Dinner with Dr. Bob Waltz, Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner

- Dr. Waltz will give an update of the Office of the Indiana State Chemist

6:00 p.m.

#### Workforce Readiness, Retention and Recruitment Panel

- We've all see the help wanted signs. Tackling the labor shortage is a challenge that will require broad partnerships and creative thinking. A panel of local innovators will share with you how higher education, economic development and business leaders all play a role in the solution.
- Panelists
  - Jason Henderson, Director of Extension Purdue College of Agriculture
  - Andrea Schwartz, Dean of School of Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering & Applied Science at Ivy Tech Community College
  - Judy Hasselkus, Program Director, Employer Engagement & Sector Specialist for Health Care, Agriculture, Life Sciences, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

8:00 p.m.

Event concludes