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To the Members of the General Electric Response Team,

Indiana University has pledged to engage the institution's resources and recognized expertise to foster economic growth, ensure global competitiveness, and promote economic opportunity for the benefit of the citizens of Indiana. As a major contributor to the state's economic development efforts, Indiana University commits to aid the transition of General Electric employees in the event the Bloomington Plant closes.

As an integral part of the Bloomington community, Indiana University has a large stake in the issues affecting the city's progress, its future, and of course its citizens. It is important to Indiana University that General Electric employees adjust to this potential plant closing with ease. By working together, the Indiana University and General Electric communities can meet the challenges of the 21st century and mold this transition into a success.

The Office of Engagement is the central point of contact linking academic resources to the state. We have the ability to channel the expertise of IU's faculty to address the problems that affect the lives of Hoosiers every day. The Office of Engagement can help General Electric employees gain additional skills and identify new opportunities. We welcome the opportunity to support General Electric during this time.

The needs of General Electric employees will change over time, just as the strategies Indiana University will employ to reinvigorate and retrain Indiana's citizens. Indiana University has vast resources to strengthen the Hoosier economy and overcome the challenges of changing business climates. Enclosed is an information packet which details the resources available to General Electric employees in the event the Bloomington Plant closes. Indiana University offers adult learning and certificate programs, customized seminars, thorough academic counseling and placement, and tutorials to provide essential guidance to adult learners. Also, experienced faculty members are available to conduct an employee-needs assessment and an economic impact analysis.

We would be pleased to arrange an educational information session and answer any questions. You are welcome to contact Kirk White, Director of Community Relations at 855-0850; or krwhite@indiana.edu. We are ready to assist with this important community endeavor.

Sincerely,

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