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**Government Officials Receive Management Certification from Ball State University**

**MUNCIE, Ind.** – (August 15, 2012) – The Bowen Center for Public Affairs at Ball State University will be awarding "Certified Public Manager®" certificates to Indiana government officials on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, in a ceremony at Wyndham Garden Warsaw, 2519 East Center Street, Warsaw, Indiana starting at 3 p.m.

The government officials earned the designation by completing the Indiana Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program, a rigorous two-year course of study consisting of practical applications of theories and best practices in the area of public administration, management, and leadership. The Indiana CPM Program is accredited by the National Certified Public Manager Consortium and Ball State University is the only Indiana institution authorized to deliver the curriculum and training.

"These officials should be commended for their dedication to public service," said Charles Taylor, coordinator of the Indiana Certified Public Manager Program. "They've devoted a great deal of effort to personal and professional development over the last two years. As a result, they are well prepared for leading change and improving services in their organizations. The people in their communities are fortunate to have them as stewards of public resources."

The public managers receiving the designation of Certified Public Manager are:

Carol Caviness, Director of Human Resources, Elkhart County;  
Chris Cloud, Commissioners' Executive Assistant, Allen County;  
Terry Coleman, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Formerly with Indiana Department of Natural Resources);  
Marsha McSherry, County Auditor, Kosciusko County;  
Leigh Pranger, Town Manager, Town of Rome City;  
Beth Shellman, Town Manager, Town of Albion.

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