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**The Bowen Center for Public Affairs Presents Governor Mitch Daniels with Annual Distinguished Service Award**

**INDIANAPOLIS – (March 30, 2012)** – The Bowen Center for Public Affairs is pleased to announce [Distinguished Service Award winner](#) Indiana Governor, Mitch Daniels. The award was presented Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Bowen Institute on Political Participation at the downtown Indianapolis law offices of Barnes and Thornburg, LLC.

The Distinguished Service Award is awarded to individuals who exhibit a continuous record of public service in public office, education, organization leadership and/or volunteerism that demonstrates dedication to encouraging and inspiring others to effectively engage in civic activities.

"Governor Daniels' long and distinguished public service record illustrates the impact and effect an individual can have in the local, state and national levels of government" says Co-director of the Bowen Center for Public Affairs, Sally Jo Vasicko. Previous honorees include former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson and former Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita.

The Bowen Institute for Political Participation is a weekend long, non-partisan Institute, established to honor the leadership and personal integrity of Dr. Otis Bowen, former speaker of the Indiana House, Governor of Indiana from 1973-1981, and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services under President Reagan. The Institute allows participants the opportunity to deepen their understanding and knowledge of politics and political involvement through interaction with state and national political leaders and members of the media.

Founded in 2007, the Bowen Center for Public Affairs at Ball State University empowers people who want to participate in their communities. The center offers expert and practical viewpoints on the operation of local and state governments. For more information about the Bowen Center, visit [www.bsu.edu/bowencenter](http://www.bsu.edu/bowencenter) or call 765-285-8982.

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**About the Bowen Center:**

The Bowen Center for Public Affairs advances the ideals of civic literacy, community involvement and public service through focused training, networking and research opportunities. Named for Dr. Otis R. Bowen, former Governor of Indiana and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Center empowers people who want to participate in their communities, offering expert and practical viewpoints on the operation of local and state governments. To learn more about the Bowen Center for Public Affairs, visit [www.bsu.edu/bowencenter](http://www.bsu.edu/bowencenter) and “Like” us on [Facebook](#).