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Local Government Officials Receive Supervisory Certification from Ball State University

VALPARAISO, Ind. – (Feb. 11, 2013) – The Bowen Center for Public Affairs at Ball State University will be awarding “Certified Public Supervisor” certificates to 16 Indiana local government officials on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, in a ceremony at Courtyard Valparaiso, 2301 East Morthland Road, Valparaiso, starting at 3 p.m.

The local government officials earned the designation by completing the first phase of the Indiana Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program, a rigorous year-long course of study consisting of practical applications of theories and best practices in the area of public administration and management. Program participants learn to adopt an outcome-based perspective on managerial behavior, create measures of individual and organizational performance, and develop and enhance their interpersonal skills. 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 are to be commended for their dedication to public service,” said Charles Taylor, coordinator of the Indiana CPM Program. “They recognize that staying

current in their knowledge and application of modern public management practices is a key to providing the efficient and effective services that the public expects and deserves.”

The local government employees receiving the designation of Certified Public Supervisor are:

Mark Adam, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Whiting,
Tina Bontrager, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Goshen,
Rita Huffman, First Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, City of Goshen,
Janet Castle, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Pierceton,
Chip Hill, Town Superintendent, Town of Pierceton,
Mark Curtis, Assistant Manager Sewer Maintenance, City of Mishawaka,
Tim Ryan, Assistant Street Commissioner, City of Mishawaka,
C. Bernard Doyle, Town Manager, Town of Chesterton,
Stephanie Kuziela, Administrative Assistant, Town of Chesterton,
Roy Ellrich, Town Manager, Town of Otterbein,
Treeva Sarles, Town of Otterbein,
Amy Gross, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Cedar Lake,
Jill Murr, Chief Deputy Clerk, Town of Cedar Lake,
Chris Knochel, County Surveyor, Newton County,
Jocelyn Laird, Operational Supervisor, St. Joseph County Prosecutor’s Office,
Michaelene Machowiak, Supervising Attorney, St. Joseph County Prosecutor’s Office,

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