

Project: Creating a Competitive Indiana

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Summary:

The SPEA Capstone group was asked to provide the state government with suggestions for economic growth and the development of Indiana. The students were divided into five task groups and focused on critical issues facing Indiana's economic development. The task group's areas of focus included: workforce development, health and health sector workforce, reversing brain drain, spawning high tech innovations, and leveraging higher education and research institutions. An analysis of each focus area was provided, along with information on comparable cities and the task groups' recommendations.