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Erika Taylor Leaving GAGE

(Evansville, IN) The Board of Directors of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE) today announced that Erika Taylor, GAGE's Executive Officer, has accepted a position as Executive Director of the YWCA of Evansville. The Board wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to Erika Taylor for her service with GAGE.

"We were fortunate to have a special person like Erika who has provided the energy, enthusiasm and community involvement necessary to lead GAGE through a transition period where we are now able to focus firmly on the future. We are pleased that Erika can apply her skills to lead the YWCA and that she will continue to be a leader in the Evansville community", said Daniel C. Bugher, GAGE's Chairperson.

Erika Taylor has served as GAGE's interim Executive Officer since late 2009. Since joining GAGE in early 2009, Erika has helped guide the organization on several initiatives involving Innovation Pointe operations, Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center technology transfer program, Downtown events management and business incubator client support.

Erika will continue with GAGE until she joins the YWCA in early October. During this time Erika will focus on the leadership and oversight of the 2010 Kenny Kent Lexus Jazz, Wine and Arts Festival. The Kenny Kent Lexus Jazz, Wine, and Arts Festival is an event Erika helped shape into a signature Evansville event which showcases the downtown, talented music performers, excellent wineries, and the growing arts community in our area.

GAGE has recently launched a search process for a new President. To learn more about GAGE, visit GAGE's website at www.evansvillegage.com.

A not-for-profit public-private partnership, The Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville was created in early 2007 through the concerted efforts of government, business and higher education. GAGE has five operating divisions: Entrepreneurial, which operates Innovation Pointe; Downtown Development; EvansFests; EnGAGE, the program of business outreach and assistance; and Technology Transfer, which oversees the partnership with the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane).

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