

## INSPIRE TALKING POINTS

by INCOLSA

### **INSPIRE to Build Indiana's Future**

INSPIRE is an innovative, high-tech service with 26 databases designed to meet the information needs of all the citizens of Indiana. Through INSPIRE, Indiana residents have access to 10,000 magazines, encyclopedias, almanacs, and other materials for research, school projects, business information, and lifelong learning. INSPIRE is used by students doing course assignments; business people planning for future developments in their companies; and citizens seeking information on government, health, finance, travel, and business and educational opportunities. INSPIRE is the foundation for a statewide information infrastructure for business and education for the 21st century.

### **Indiana Leads the Nation**

Indiana was the first state to provide this kind of groundbreaking and innovative INSPIRE database service directly to ALL its residents — from Internet at home, office, school, and library. Indiana is leading the way in making this type of information access and technology available to all its residents.

### **INSPIRE Statewide Access**

INSPIRE databases serve all Indiana residents from their homes, schools, offices, and libraries. INSPIRE meets the needs of everyone from sophisticated scholarly researchers, entrepreneurs, and scientists, to students, retirees, and those pursuing lifelong learning. INSPIRE's statewide accessibility allows all our residents - urban and rural, rich and poor - access to a vast array of the most current information on a variety of subjects.

### **Indiana Downloads 150 Million+ Pages**

Indiana's INSPIRE users have downloaded more than 150,000,000 pages from magazines, encyclopedias, almanacs, newspapers, and other resources since INSPIRE's inception in 1998.

### **INSPIRE Searches**

Indiana residents performed close to 10 million searches on the 26 INSPIRE databases in 2003.

### **INSPIRE Value for Indiana**

A \$1.5 million investment has a value of more than \$10 million. Currently, \$1.25 million in state funding pays for INSPIRE databases. If libraries in Indiana were to purchase these databases on their own, the cost would be more than \$10 million. INCOLSA is about libraries sharing resources to produce the greatest benefit for Indiana's citizens. The cooperative statewide effort of INSPIRE maximizes the impact of tax dollars for library services and information.

### **Library Cooperation Pays Off**

Cooperative statewide library activities like INSPIRE, funded in part by the state of Indiana, show cost-efficient, cost-effective, responsible use of taxpayer investment. INCOLSA, the state library network, operates INSPIRE.

### **INSPIRE for Education**

INSPIRE delivers current, accurate, and safe information over the Internet for Indiana's children. INSPIRE levels the educational playing field for children in all Indiana schools by providing equal access to information regardless of the school's budget or student population. INSPIRE provides tomorrow's information economy workers access to a diverse set of quality information resources today.

### **INSPIRE for Kids**

INSPIRE Kids, a unique interface developed for children, ensures our youngest citizens learn Internet and research skills to enhance their schoolwork and to better prepare them for college and careers. Indiana's leadership in developing the INSPIRE service extends to INSPIRE Kids. It is one of the first interface developed just for children and has become a national model for other states to emulate.

INSPIRE, The Indiana Virtual Library, is a service of INCOLSA