

## A Message From the Governor

Congratulations to Indiana's third class of Companies to Watch.

Putting together a successful business venture in today's economy requires vision, intelligence and, above all, courage. It's not enough to put forth a good idea and simply hope for the best. Now, more than ever, those ideas must be fought for through setbacks, rejection and outright exhaustion. This year's 41 Companies to Watch are representative of that dedication and are among the best of what Indiana has to offer.

The willingness of these visionaries and innovators to take a personal and financial risk to create something entirely new is a promising indicator of what the future holds for our state. The tremendous success of past recipients like AIT Laboratories, OrthoPediatrics and Alexin LLC, to name a few, is proof of the unpredictable businesses that can spring from the genius of free people when they're enabled and encouraged to start new enterprises and try new ideas. It is these Companies to Watch, along with hundreds of other budding young businesses, which represent the concrete foundation of Indiana's economy.

On behalf of all Hoosiers, I want to congratulate each of these companies for creating new opportunities that put Hoosiers to work in hometowns across our state. We're so proud of all that they've accomplished, and we promise to continue working to build a business climate that encourages the continued success of these dreamers and innovators.

While this recognition is certainly a cause for celebration, may it also be taken as a challenge to reach even higher. I'm confident there's no group more poised for future growth than those recognized here. Congratulations.

Sincerely,



Mitch Daniels  
Governor, State of Indiana

