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The Indiana Recycling Coalition Hires New Executive Director

The Indiana Recycling Coalition Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Carey Hamilton has been hired as the IRC's new Executive Director effective September 1.

Jeffrey R. Miller, IRC's Board President said, "Carey brings a vast knowledge of our organization and its goals, as well as the experience required to move the IRC to the next level at this critical time. She was the Board's overwhelming first choice from over 100 applicants. Carey will be able to maintain our excellent service to members as well as build capacity to provide a stronger voice for recycling in Indiana." Ms. Hamilton will be the Coalition's first full-time Executive Director.

Carey Hamilton said, "I am so glad to have the opportunity to lead this important organization. I believe that today there is renewed momentum for the issues that the IRC supports. Waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting are some of the easiest tools that individuals have to reduce their carbon footprints. However, in Indiana there remain significant opportunities to improve access to these tools."

Ms. Hamilton has 14 years of experience in the environmental field, including serving as the Director of the State of Indiana Government Recycling Program as well as the first Director of Indiana's Greening the Government Program. For the past 6 years, Ms. Hamilton has worked as an independent environmental consultant serving a diverse clientele including several local governments and non-profit organizations. Ms. Hamilton is a past board member of the IRC and for the past two years, she has represented the IRC at the Statehouse.

Former Executive Director Michelle Cohen of Bloomington has been a well-respected leader of the organization for the past seven years and is fully engaged in the transition with the new Executive Director. The IRC Board of Directors appreciates Ms. Cohen's dedication to the IRC and plans to maintain a working relationship with her in the future. The IRC is a 501(c)3 organization with members representing business, industry, state and local governments, environmental groups and individuals and was founded in 1989. The IRC's mission is to support source reduction, reuse, composting and recycling activities in Indiana.