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Indianapolis, IN – Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, Al Frink, will participate in discussions and deliver the keynote address at the Intergovernmental Outreach Initiative on Manufacturing Competitiveness. Frink serves as the federal government's lead advocate for America's manufacturing and service sectors.

National and regional experts will discuss Indiana's current position and how it can improve its global competitiveness at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott on Sept. 26. At the conference, the Commerce Department's Office of Manufacturing and Services will co-host presentations with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the Indiana Manufacturers Association, the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership and the Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development.

- WHO: Manufacturing and Services Assistant Secretary Al Frink Indiana Secretary of Commerce Michael Maurer Central Indiana Corporate Partnership President Mark Miles Indiana Manufacturers Association President Patrick Kiely
- WHAT: Intergovernmental Outreach Initiative on Manufacturing Competitiveness
- WHEN: Friday, September 26, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- WHERE: Indianapolis Downtown Marriott 350 West Maryland Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46225 (317) 822-3500