

BRIAN GILDEA Economic Development Manager, CenterPoint Energy

Brian Gildea joined CenterPoint Energy in November of 2015 and serves as the lead economic development representative throughout CenterPoint's Central Indiana natural gas operations. In this role, Brian works with State, regional and local economic development professionals to help facilitate economic development activities which require natural gas infrastructure to facilitate industrial, commercial and residential growth within Central Indiana.



Prior to joining CenterPoint Energy, Brian served as the Executive Director for Develop Indy, the Indianapolis economic development business unit of the Indy Chamber. In his previous role, Brian led a team of economic development professionals who coordinate with the City of Indianapolis Mayor's Office, public officials, community leaders, and other interested groups to lead economic development efforts related to company attraction, expansion, and relocation. Gildea also oversaw Develop Indy's international division, which is focused on driving foreign direct investment into Indianapolis along with the growth of existing businesses through the identification of trade opportunities.

Brian Gildea was the Economic Development Manager for the City of Austin from 2009 - 2014. While in Austin, Gildea managed numerous projects including: Apple expansion, Hanger Orthopedics relocation, eBay and PayPal expansion, Samsung, and several other projects that resulted in local job growth and increased tax base for the city. Prior to joining the City of Austin, Brian worked as the Economic Development Manager for his hometown of Elkhart, Indiana.

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