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### **Indiana Commission for Women Seeks Nominations for 2013 Torchbearer Awards**

Indianapolis (September 17, 2012)— The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) is seeking nominations for the 2013 Torchbearer Awards. The State of Indiana’s most prestigious recognition of women, Indiana Torchbearers are those women who have stepped forward as leaders by breaking down barriers to women’s full participation. “These women become lasting legacies for us all by overcoming immense challenges with courage, perseverance and compassion,” said Betsy Corridan, Chair of the Indiana Commission for Women Board of Commissioners. “They serve as inspiration for others by facing tough choices, demonstrating character and making significant contributions to their communities and to the State of Indiana.”

Recipients will be selected from a pool of nominated candidates who have overcome obstacles, made extraordinary contributions or been pioneers throughout their lives. Selection will be based on the recipients’ demonstrated achievement in the areas of their professional careers, community leadership and/or public service. Recipients must be living at the time of their nomination. Nominations will be evaluated with considerable attention given to those women who have been pioneers, have removed barriers and/or have made a considerable impact to the advancement of women in Indiana.

Visit [www.in.gov/icw/2334.htm](http://www.in.gov/icw/2334.htm) to download the nomination form and guidelines. Submitted nomination forms are due on or before Friday, December 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. EST. Recipients of the 2013 Torchbearer Awards will be announced at an Awards Ceremony on March 6, 2012.

For more information, assistance or a printed copy of nomination form, contact Kristin Garvey, Executive Director at 317-232-6720 or [info@icw.in.gov](mailto:info@icw.in.gov).

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### ***About the Indiana Commission for Women***

The Indiana Commission for Women is committed to the full participation of women in all aspects of society in order to live, work and raise a family. ICW works to ***move Indiana women forward*** by understanding the needs of Indiana women and their families and by working strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive solutions. We act as the voice of women, communicating their needs and concerns as well as their successes and contributions, so that they can become better connected to their communities and to the tools, resources and opportunities needed to find their own voice.