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Name of Agency or Office: Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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Name of Recipient: Michelle Ashcraft, PhD

Title of Recipient: Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer

**Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted, or Received and approximate value of item:**

The Strada Education Foundation has invited two representatives from Indiana to attend the 2025 Connecting Education with Opportunity: Leading from the States, taking place Tuesday, October 21, 2025, from 8-3pm in Washington, D.C. This invitation-only event will bring together postsecondary education, workforce, and data experts to collaborate on advancing integrated education-to-workforce data systems at the state level to increase educational return-on-investment. Through generous support from the Strada Education Foundation, this convening will have all travel expenses paid for each representative, including airfare, hotel, and out-of-pocket expenses such as parking and meals not provided by the convening. **The approximate value of this sponsorship for the recipient is \$1,450 (\$550 for airfare, \$650 for hotel, \$100 for parking/taxi, and \$150 for meals) not to exceed \$3,500 per recipient.**

Date of Receipt: August 26, 2025

Name of Donor: Strada Education Foundation

Donor's Address: 10 W Market St #1100, Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Nature of Business Relationship with Agency:** The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a current grant recipient of the Strada Education Foundation. The current grant agreement's (\$400,000) purpose is for the Commission to study dual credit and dual enrollment pathways for Indiana K-12 students that lead to strong outcomes.

**State Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest:** The current grant agreement is unrelated to the education-to-workforce outcomes initiatives of the Strada Education Foundation. Through this event, Indiana is able to gain unparalleled insight into how other states leverage employment and wage data to assess Indiana's college and university return on investment for Hoosier families and Hoosier tax dollars.

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