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**Date:** August 22, 2025

**Name of Agency or Office:** Indiana Commission for Higher Education

**Name of Recipient:** Sam Rourke

**Title of Recipient:** Assistant Commissioner for CTE

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

Agency leadership requested Sam Rourke serve on Indiana's state team at the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) Midwestern Dual Enrollment State Policy Workshop on July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Big Ten Conference Center in Rosemont, IL (Chicago). This workshop convened state teams from across twelve MHEC member states to network, share learning and best practices, and develop action plans to improve dual enrollment policies. Participants assessed their state's policy strengths and gaps, exchanged insights with peers from other states, and developed actionable state-specific strategies to improve identified weaknesses. In his role at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Mr. Rourke leads the Career and Technical Education team, which involves considerable dual credit/enrollment policy planning and implementation.

All expenses for the workshop, including registration, food, and lodging were covered by MHEC. Some of these expenses, such as registration, dinner and breakfast at the workshop, and lodging, were not charged to the participant. **The approximate value of these covered expenses is: \$285 (dinner and breakfast at the workshop, lodging, and lunch to/from the workshop.).**

**Date of Receipt:** July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Name of Donor:** Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)

**Donor's Address:** 105 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 450, Minneapolis, MN 55401

**Nature of Business Relationship with Agency:**

Indiana is a statutory member of the regional, multi-state nonprofit compact under the MHEC statute: <https://iga.in.gov/laws/2025/ic/titles/21#21-28-3>. MHEC state dues are an annual line item in the state biennial budget.

**State Why Acceptance is in the Public Interest:**

Participation in this workshop was a timely opportunity to convene a state team to evaluate Indiana's current dual credit/enrollment practices and policies, learn what colleagues in other states are doing, and to develop a plan for updating and improving these practices and policies. Mr. Rourke's attendance at this workshop and the resulting outcomes produced by the collective work of the state team will inform dual credit/enrollment state policy and priorities moving forward. By result, Hoosier CTE students and CTE providers will be better served.

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