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**Gibson Insurance Group Awarded Top Producing Agency in Indiana by Merchants Bonding Company**

SOUTH BEND/PLYMOUTH, INDIANA, 4/4/06 – Gibson Insurance Group was awarded *Top Producing Agency* in Indiana for 2005 by Merchants Bonding Company.

Gibson Insurance Group's surety bond division provides bid, performance, payment, and maintenance bonds for clients bidding both public and private projects. Gibson Insurance Group was appointed a partner agency with Merchants Bonding in 1994.

"This is the first year Gibson has received this acknowledgement," said Doug Schnicker, Assistant Vice President, Merchants Bonding Company. "We are very pleased we've been able to grow with a fine NASBP agency such as Gibson Insurance Group."

Merchants Bonding Company is an insurance company specializing in writing surety bonds. Founded in 1933, Merchants is one of the top twenty five surety writers in the United States, licensed in forty eight states. The company specializes in writing contract surety bonds, license and permit, miscellaneous, and probate bonds.

Gibson Insurance Group is among the top 1% of agencies in the nation and ranked in revenue among the top five privately held independent agencies in Indiana. Offering customized risk management solutions to a wide array of clients, Gibson Insurance Group specializes in Surety, Commercial, Personal and Employee Benefits Insurance programs that are fully supported by Loss Prevention and Claims Services. Gibson has offices in both South Bend and Plymouth, Indiana, with clients and association member clients throughout the country.

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