This month’s Featured Employer is one of Fort Wayne’s finest public accounting firms, BKD, LLP. IPFW Career Services thanks BKD for being one of the most committed and dedicated partners in our Corporate Partners Program as they seek to find the best accounting talent that IPFW has to offer.

Who is BKD, LLP?
BKD, LLP is a national CPA and advisory firm that helps people and businesses realize their goals. Their dedicated professionals offer solutions for clients in all 50 states and internationally. BKD and its subsidiaries offer clients a variety of services in accounting, audit and assurance, tax, risk management, technology, corporate finance, forensic and valuation services, and wealth management. BKD combines the insight and ideas of multiple disciplines to provide solutions in a wide range of industries, including financial services, not-for-profit, government, manufacturing, distribution, health care, construction, and real estate.

BKD, LLP is the CPA and advisory firm of choice for growing companies and high net-worth individuals. As one of the largest such firms in the country, BKD helps clients by applying technical expertise, unmatched client service, and disciplined delivery of solutions to their management and financial needs. BKD’s approximately 2,000 personnel, including approximately 250 partners, are based in 31 offices serving clients in 50 states.

As a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), BKD also is a member of its PCPS (Private Companies Practice Section, the AICPA alliance for CPA firms); and its three quality centers: Center for Public Company Audit Firms, Employee Benefit Plan Audit Quality Center, and Governmental Audit Quality Center.

The mission of BKD is to always strive for excellence in providing services to clients, create rewarding career opportunities, and maintain sound professional, business, and financial standards.

BKD in Fort Wayne
Led by managing partner Tom Cottrell, BKD Fort Wayne was established in 1964 and consists of approximately 55 personnel, including seven partners, who provide CPA and advisory services to more than 1,100 clients and offer solutions for individuals, governments and not-for-profits, financial institutions, manufacturers, contractors, real estate companies, and health care providers.
Career Opportunities for Accounting Talent

Internships
An internship with BKD gives interns hands-on experience in the demanding public accounting profession. Participants will learn how the theories and principles of accounting are applied to many types of businesses.

As an intern, you'll have the same responsibilities as full-time, first-year staff accountants and the same opportunities to work with BKD partners and other professionals on a variety of client engagements.

BKD offers audit and tax internships that provide you with real-world experience and help improve the understanding of the theories and practice of accounting. Interns find themselves developing effective working relationships and friendships with professionals who may become future co-workers.

First-Year
First-year accountants will be exposed to a variety of audit or tax engagements and may even assist with consulting projects. By the end of that year, employees will have the opportunity to explore different industry and service niches and identify a focus area. Travel time will vary according to assignments, but some overnight travel can be expected as projects are being completed.

Continued Learning and Growth
Starting with an orientation session in your local office and Camp BKD, new accountants get more than three weeks of formal training in the first year alone. They will also receive on-the-job supervision by seniors, supervisors, managers, and partners to help learn and grow in the profession. Many staff accountants look back on their first year and are amazed at the strides they made by applying what they learned from a variety of training situations.