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**Success Trek CEO tackles FBI role**

**Valparaiso, IN** - Theresa Valade, CEO of Success Trek Inc., recently got a glimpse of life behind the badge by participating in the FBI Citizens' Academy. She joined other area leaders at the six-week course where she saw first-hand how the agency works.

"This experience has allowed me to understand the goals and objectives of the FBI," Valade said.

As a participant, Valade learned about the FBI's structure and operations, forensics, technology, training, and policies and issues, such as ethics, drug enforcement and criminal trends.

The portion of the academy that left the biggest impression on Valade was the firearms simulation training where she took part in a simulated hostage situation. She was exposed to the uncertainty of a dangerous situation and how agents have to make quick decisions.

"The simulation really helped me to identify what our police experience when they encounter life-and-death situations," Valade said. "Our law enforcement members have to make many decisions in the moment in order to ensure their safety and the safety of others around

them.”

Success Trek services include assistance with strategic planning, team building, leadership development and human resources; assessment of operational and workflow strategies and financial systems; and development of training and policy/procedure manuals. The team also offers group and business coaching, critical thinking and organizational assessments and motivational presentations.

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