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AT&T's Steve Powell Received 2015 Nelson Steele Memorial Award

FRENCH LICK, IN. – Steve Powell received the **2015 Nelson Steele Memorial Award** from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT). Powell accepted the award during the Presidents' Reception on Sept. 30, at the 2015 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in French Lick.

The Nelson Steele Memorial Award is given to an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty while demonstrating outstanding contributions to municipal government, someone who exemplifies and encourages leadership, is employed with a firm that is a current associate member of IACT and has a minimum of five years experience working with municipal government.

Currently serving as Area Manager for Government Relations & External Affairs for AT&T, Powell has been with the company for nearly 40 years. During most of his tenure, he has served as AT&T's link to local government leaders all around the state.

In his nomination of Mr. Powell, Bluffton Mayor Ted Ellis noted, "I know from personal experience that whenever I encounter an unusual situation affecting my city, Steve is able to point me to someone (perhaps across the state) who is experiencing or has experienced a similar situation."

AT&T Indiana President Bill Soards also lauded Powell's public service, referencing his commitment beyond working with Hoosier cities and towns. "Steve has not only been a crucial resource and exemplary representative of AT&T around the state, he has also made an impact in his own community. A past president of the Rotary Club of Greenwood and a current member of the Johnson Co. Planning and Zoning Board, he takes pride in where he and his family live and works hard to ensure its continued success every day."



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In its 39th year, the IACT Annual Awards program, presented by Umbaugh, recognizes communities and individuals in municipal government for excellence and outstanding achievement. A nine-member panel of qualified judges selected this year's winners from a competitive field of nominees from around the state. All award winners were recognized during the IACT Annual Awards Luncheon and IACT Presidents' Reception in French Lick.

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) is a coalition of municipal officials who seek to improve the quality of life in Indiana through effective government, and is a member of the National League of Cities. Founded in 1891, IACT is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country, with 470 cities and towns as members. IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana, and promotes good government through education, training and leadership.

Conference Facts:

2015 IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition

September 29 – October 1

French Lick Springs Hotel and Conference Center

Attendance: 800 (pending final registration count)

Further information: www.citiesandtowns.org