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IACT Presents "2013 Legislator of the Year" Award to Kokomo Representative Mike Karickhoff

Indianapolis – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) named Representative Mike Karickhoff (R-Kokomo) recipient of IACT's 2013 Legislator of the Year Award. The award was presented by IACT Board Member and Kokomo Mayor Greg Goodnight, during the opening business session of the 2013 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in Indianapolis.

During his remarks Goodnight noted, "I've known Representative Karickhoff for years. I worked with him when he was a member of the Kokomo City Council and I'm not at all surprised that he continues to advocate on behalf of IACT members."

Karickhoff was first elected to the House in 2010 to represent House District 30, which covers portions of Howard and Grant counties, most of the city of Kokomo and the towns of Swayzee and Greentown. He is a member of both the Natural Resources and Ways and Means committees.

"Whether advocating for more municipal input into local tax options, more equitable funding options for emergency 911 call centers, or reasonable annexation policies, Representative Karickhoff understands the issues that municipal governments are faced with," said Goodnight.



IACT's Board of Directors voted on the award at a May board meeting. This is the third year for the Legislator of the Year award. The 2012 award was given to co-recipients Speaker of the House Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) and Senate Majority Floor Leader Brandt Hershman (R-Buck Creek).

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.