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### **Richard Hickman Received 2015 Distinguished Service Award**

FRENCH LICK, IN. – Angola Mayor Richard Hickman received the **2015 Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award** from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT). Hickman received the award on Sept. 30 during the Presidents' Reception at the IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in French Lick, Indiana.

The Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award, named for former Evansville Mayor Lloyd, is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to local government. Nominees for this prestigious award must display accomplishments beyond their community, including contribution to IACT and public service, leadership and personal initiative.

Richard Hickman remains today as enthusiastic and steadfast in his commitment to Angola as he was when appointed the City's mayor in 2001. Hickman's approach to governing has always been to set the vision, lead by example and let those around him shine.

Hickman served as the 2014 president of IACT, a role he filled with extreme dedication and sincerity. It became commonplace for Mayor Hickman to attend a late Angola City Council or community meeting only to be up before dawn traveling to the Indiana Statehouse to advocate for all Hoosier cities and towns.

Matt Greller, IACT Executive Director and CEO said, "Mayor Hickman personifies the spirit behind the IACT Distinguished Service Award. Not only does he work tirelessly for the people of Angola, he has logged countless miles in support of making Indiana's cities and towns work more efficiently and effectively for Hoosiers. I'm not sure there are enough words to describe the selfless commitment Mayor Hickman has put forth during his time in municipal government."

Whether it's working at a high level with local economic development prospects or swinging a hammer to help build Angola's Friendship Park, Mayor Hickman truly strives to be a mayor truly in touch with the needs of his community and communities all around the state.



## Indiana Association of Cities and Towns

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. Other award winners were recognized during the Reception and also during the IACT Annual Awards Luncheon on Sept. 30.

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 Hotel and Conference Center

Attendance: 800 (pending final registration count)

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