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2014 Leadership Chosen at IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition

Angola’s Richard Hickman Elected 2014 IACT President

Indianapolis – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced today that Angola Mayor Richard M. Hickman has been elected to succeed Carmel’s Diana Cordray as the group’s president in 2014. Hickman was elected by the membership at IACT’s 2013 Annual Conference and Exhibition held earlier this week in Indianapolis.

Also elected were Terre Haute Mayor Duke Bennett, 1st Vice President, and Kokomo Mayor Greg Goodnight who will serve as IACT’s 2nd Vice President. All three take office January 1, 2014.

“Richard Hickman is a true Hoosier public servant. I am thrilled that our membership has elected someone of his commitment and experience as the next IACT president,” said IACT Executive Director and CEO Matt Greller. “Mayor Hickman has long been an advocate for municipal government and joins IACT regularly in our efforts to inform and educate lawmakers on the needs of cities and towns. With Mayor Hickman at the helm and Mayors Bennett and Goodnight rounding out our slate of 2014 officers, I am excited and incredibly optimistic about the year ahead.”

Richard Hickman began serving as Angola’s Mayor in March, 2001. Prior to taking office Mayor Hickman was actively involved in the community through extensive service on the City’s park board, planning commission and many other civic service organizations. In addition to his



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steadfast assistance on the IACT legislative committee, the Mayor chaired the Association's audit committee for many years.

Mayor Hickman noted, "It is a great honor for me to be working with the IACT staff and the truly dedicated elected officials from cities and towns all over Indiana. These folks work so hard for our citizens' day in and day out. TRUST LOCAL is not just a tag line for these public servants. It is a way of life."

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.