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## <u>Crawfordsville to Accept Local Government Cooperation Award</u>

FRENCH LICK, IN. – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced the City of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Crawfordsville Community School Corporation, North Montgomery School Corporation and South Montgomery School Corporation will be honored with the 2015 IACT Local Government Cooperation Award.

The City of Crawfordsville will accept the award during the IACT Annual Awards Luncheon presented by Umbaugh on Sept. 30, at the 2015 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in French Lick.

Crawfordsville's Health and Wellness Center opened its doors on January 8, 2014 in a medical office complex located near the Franciscan Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Crawfordsville. While the concept of an employer-operated wellness clinic is becoming more and more commonplace today, this particular clinic represents an unprecedented collaborative effort between units of local government. The five largest taxing units in Montgomery County have all joined forces in a collaborative effort to control the ever-rising cost of providing healthcare for their employees while improving their overall health, quality of life and productivity.

"Municipal governments are continuously looking for ways to execute the delivery of public services with utmost efficiency. In Crawfordsville and Montgomery County, I am thoroughly impressed with what they've done in the area of employee healthcare. Not only have they been able to work across many units of government, they have done so by achieving impressive savings and maximizing employee convenience," said IACT Executive Director and CEO Matt Greller.

In its 39<sup>th</sup> 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.

Media are welcome to attend the awards luncheon. Please notify Jennifer Simmons (jsimmons@cititesandtowns.org) at your earliest convenience to secure a media credential.



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