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IACT's Tom Bredeweg Receives the 2013 Distinguished Service Award

INDIANAPOLIS – Longtime advocate for municipal government Tom Bredeweg received the **2013 Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award** from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT). Bredeweg received the award on Oct. 7 during the Presidents' Reception at the IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in Indianapolis.

The Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award 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.

Bredeweg retires in November as IACT's field services manager, following two stints with the organization. Beginning in 1975, Tom spent his first 17 years with IACT wearing many different hats and rising through the ranks. He held roles such as IACT Training Director, Legislative Services Director, Member Services Director and Deputy Director. Having covered nearly every department, Tom left Indiana to helm the Iowa League of Cities, where he stayed for fourteen years. Upon his 2007 retirement in Iowa, Tom came back to IACT to lead field services efforts and take a leadership role within the organization once again.



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“While he’ll be sorely missed, I am so grateful that IACT has been able to benefit from the experience, wisdom and professionalism of Tom Bredeweg for nearly 24 years,” said IACT Executive Director and CEO Matt Greller. “Whether assisting on complex public finance matters, police and fire pensions, economic development or educating our membership on the fighting spirit of the Butler Bulldogs, Tom has been nothing but a true asset to all Hoosier cities and towns.”

In its 37th 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 IACT Annual Awards Luncheon on October 7 and during the Presidents’ reception on October 8.

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.