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### **Kokomo's Carey Stranahan Named 2015 Ivan H. Brinegar Municipal Management Award Winner**

FRENCH LICK, IN. – Kokomo's City Engineer Carey Stranahan received the **2015 Ivan H. Brinegar Municipal Management Award** from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT). Stranahan received the award on Wednesday, Sept. 30 during the Presidents' Reception at the 2015 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in French Lick.

The Ivan H. Brinegar Municipal Management Award is presented to an appointed municipal official with a minimum of 10 years of city or town service who displays strong leadership, and contributions to the community and serves as a role model to citizens and other municipal officials.

A fifteen year veteran employee in Kokomo, Stranahan has led the City's engineering department through some challenging and transformational times. In addition to several natural disasters, including floods, devastating winters and a tornado, his department has been at the fore of many of the City's most exciting developments.

Stranahan oversaw the City's many recent projects including Kokomo Municipal Stadium, the downtown parking garage and the new YMCA. His department also managed a massive expansion of Kokomo's trail system, including a recent section of the Industrial Heritage Trail that weaves through downtown Kokomo.

In his nomination of Carey Stranahan, Kokomo Mayor Greg Goodnight noted, "Carey has been vital to our success, as we work to improve quality of life in Kokomo, and make it the ideal home for the workers of tomorrow. He is always there to support the administration's goals and initiatives, while also bringing new ideas to the table. And, he has assembled a top-notch team to assist him. I would put our engineering department up against any other in the state or even the Midwest."



## Indiana Association of Cities and Towns

Among his many other accomplishments, Goodnight also noted Stranahan's work on transforming Kokomo's downtown through investing creatively in infrastructure, partnership building and connectivity.

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.

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 464 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)

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