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Terre Haute Mayor Duke Bennett Named IACT 2nd Vice President

Mayors' Winnecke and Spinner Appointed to Board of Directors

Indianapolis, IND. – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced today that **Terre Haute Mayor and IACT Board Member Duke Bennett was recently appointed as IACT's 2013 2nd Vice President.** This position puts Bennett in line to become IACT's president in 2015. Bennett was appointed to fill a vacancy left by Petersburg Mayor Jon Craig who resigned to take a prominent position in the Pence administration.

"Mayor Bennett has been a real asset to IACT members and staff during his tenure. He has represented IACT at the statehouse on numerous occasions and served as our Legislative Committee Chairman during the 2012 legislative session," said IACT Executive Director and CEO Matt Greller. "The Mayor is well-respected among his constituents, peers and lawmakers. His credibility as a businessman and city leader during times of economic transition made him an outstanding choice for IACT."

"I'm excited for the opportunity to serve in this new capacity. I look forward to advocating on behalf of the people who wake up every morning thinking about how they can make Indiana's cities and towns the most efficient, livable and thriving places they can be," said Bennett.

Current IACT officers are:

President – Diana Cordray, Clerk Treasurer, Carmel Vice President – Dick Hickman, Mayor, Angola 2nd Vice President – Duke Bennett, Mayor, Terre Haute



IACT also announced that Mayor Lloyd Winnecke of Evansville and Mayor Denny Spinner of Huntingburg were appointed to serve on the IACT Board of Directors. Winnecke replaces Duke Bennett and Spinner fills a vacancy left by the Board resignation of Sellersburg Clerk Treasurer Dave Kinder.

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.