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**71 Local Officials Honored During AIC Institute for
Excellence in County Government Ceremony**

INDIANAPOLIS - The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) is pleased to announce 71 local officials and county employees received accreditation in the Institute for Excellence in County Government program. Eighteen received their Institute for Excellence Certification by completing 30 credit hours within 4 years. Additionally, 53 individuals completed requirements for additional awards.

With the many facets and complexities of government, ongoing education is needed to ensure that government functions run smoothly. With the support of Bliss McKnight, Inc., the AIC has devoted its resources to improving government through its educational program called Institute for Excellence in County Government. The Institute was established in 1993 to allow officials and county employees access to training which is geared specifically to county government.

The AIC Institute is made available to all elected county officials and staff. After accruing 30 or more credit hours of study within three consecutive years, program participants qualify for various levels of AIC Institute Certificates. Continuing education certificates are awarded to those who have previously earned an Institute Certificate and have completed an additional 20 hours of coursework within one calendar year.

Silver Masters' Pins are awarded to students who have completed 75 hours after completing their initial certificate, Gold Masters' Pins are awarded to students who have completed 125 hours, Platinum Masters' Pins are awarded to those students who have completed 180 total credit hours, and Life Achievement Certificates are awarded to

students who have completed at least 240 total credit hours since the program's inception in 1993.

AIC and Bliss McKnight are helping county officials continue pursuing their educational goals through live and recorded classes. To learn more about the AIC Institute visit www.indianacounties.org.

2025 AIC INSTITUTE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

INSTITUTE CERTIFICATE

Elizabeth Alvey, Johnson County Auditor
Trini Beaver, Hamilton County Recorder
Steve Burks, Floyd County Treasurer
Heather Carlton, Rush County Deputy Auditor
Samantha Chenery, Allen County Treasurer
Kara Clark, Madison County Deputy Auditor
Theresa Cobian, Brown County Commissioner Asst
Pam Gregory, Wells County Treasurer
Tammy Guth, Dubois County Deputy Recorder
Samantha Mahan, Greene County Treasurer
Michelle Norris, Martin County Auditor
Destry Richey, Cass County Clerk of the Circuit Court
Kay Riker-Peyton, Fayette County Council Member
Michelle Smith, Madison County Chief Deputy Recorder
Jamie Thompson, Greene County Chief Deputy Treasurer
Jennifer Utter, Fulton County Deputy Treasurer
Kelli Vest, Ohio County Auditor
Jody Wiedenhoeft, DeKalb County Deputy Auditor

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Angie Abel, Madison County Recorder
Kathy Adamson, Fulton County Auditor
Nikki Baldwin, Boone County Treasurer
Libby Billue, White County Auditor
Angie Birchmeier, Marshall County Auditor
Mary Brown, Miami County Auditor
Mindy Byers, Montgomery County Auditor
Todd Culp, Chief Deputy Auditor Madison County
Beth Davis, Clerk of the Circuit Court Wells County
Patti Foxx, Clay County Auditor
Mike Fruchey, Allen County Surveyor
Rick Gardner, Madison County Commissioner
Brianne Gregory, Monroe County Auditor
Kimberly Grow, Jasper County Recorder
Laura Herzog, Hendricks County Recorder
Kathryn Hopper, LaGrange County Auditor
Kelli Johnson, Steuben County Auditor

Tammy Justice, Rush County Auditor
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor
Lauren Milton, Clerk Daviess County
Rosetta Newton, Daviess County Recorder
Annette Phillippo, Miami County Auditor
Patricia Pickens, Elkhart County Auditor
Linda Pruitt, Morgan County Auditor
Julia Reeves, Brown County Auditor
Rhonda Sanders, Martin County Treasurer
Susan Sleeper, Auditor DeKalb County
Cathy Smith, Monroe County Treasurer
Mandy Thomason, Starke County Recorder
Mary Beth Wisniewski, St. Joseph Treasurer

SILVER MASTERS

Angie Abel, Madison County Recorder
Kathy Adamson, Fulton County Auditor
Mary Betzner, Miami County Deputy Treasurer
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor
Patti Foxx, Clay County Auditor
Connie Fromhold, Dearborn County Auditor
Lavonda Glover Fayette County Treasurer
Kelli Johnson, Steuben County Auditor
Lauren Milton, Daviess County Clerk of the Circuit Court
Joyce Oles, Dearborn County Recorder
Annette Phillippo, Miami County Auditor
Rick Shipe, Steuben County Commissioner
Cathy Smith, Monroe County Treasurer

GOLD MASTERS

Rosetta Newton, Daviess County Recorder
Julia Reeves, Brown County Auditor
Susan Sleeper, DeKalb County Auditor
Debra Walker, Henry County Auditor

PLATINUM MASTERS

Angie Birchmeier, Marshall County Auditor
Liz Morris, Dearborn County Council Member

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Mary Brown, Miami County Treasurer
Beth Davis, Wells, County Clerk of the Circuit Court

The Association of Indiana Counties, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established in 1957 for the betterment of county government. The various functions of the AIC include lobbying the Indiana General Assembly on behalf of counties, serving as liaison among counties, state and federal agencies as well as providing technical assistance and training to county officials and employees.