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Indianapolis Recognized as a Winner in the 2025 IDC Smart Cities North America Award

Indianapolis, IN – The Indianapolis City-County Council is proud to announce that its AI Commission has been named a winner in the 2025 International Data Corporation (IDC) Smart Cities North America Awards. This prestigious honor recognizes the City-County’s commitment to leveraging artificial intelligence to drive innovation, enhance public services, and create a more connected, efficient, and inclusive urban environment.

Established in December 2023, the AI Commission chaired by Councilor Dan Boots and Vice-Chair Councilor Michael-Paul Hart, was created to address the growing need for cities to adopt artificial intelligence (AI) technologies responsibly and effectively. Its primary goal was to assess AI usage within the City-County government, identify gaps, and provide recommendations for responsible adoption.

“Indianapolis has the opportunity to be a national leader in responsible AI adoption for local government, and we are honored to receive this recognition from IDC,” said Chair Dan Boots. “The AI Commission represents our city’s dedication to harnessing technology responsibly and effectively to benefit the residents of Indianapolis.”

As a result of the Commission's work, the Indianapolis and Marion County Information Services Agency (ISA) identified the critical need for comprehensive AI training and data literacy as foundational aspects of responsible technology adoption. This insight led to a strategic partnership with InnovateUS to use public sector specific training programs that will equip city and county employees with essential knowledge about AI's potential, challenges, and ethical considerations.

“This award recognizes the hard work of the AI Commission and the commitment of Indianapolis to responsibly embrace emerging technologies,” Vice-Chair Michael-Paul Hart, added. “AI has the potential to improve government operations and public services, and we are ensuring its implementation prioritizes transparency, security, and public trust. The time is now to make Indianapolis the smartest city in America.”

In addition to winning the IDC Smart Cities Award for AI, Indianapolis and Marion County were also recognized as a finalist for the Marion County Superior Court and Information Services Agency Smart Courts Initiative. This initiative leverages cutting-edge technology, such as automated digital docket screens, AI speech-to-text technology, and cloud content management

tools to streamline daily court operations. This further demonstrates the city's leadership in integrating technology-driven solutions to enhance civic engagement and public services.

“Our AI Commission represents a meaningful step in our City-County's technological journey - where technological innovation meets responsible governance,” said Chief Information Officer Collin Hill, Indianapolis-Marion County Information Services Agency. “This IDC Smart Cities Award reflects our commitment to understanding and implementing AI with thoughtful and responsible approaches. We are charting a path for how local government can leverage emerging technologies as powerful tools for public service, ensuring they are implemented with careful consideration and a commitment to our community's best interests.”

Chair Boots, Vice-Chair Hart, and CIO Hill will attend the Smart Cities Connect Conference in San Antonio, Texas, on April 14 to accept the award.

Members of the AI Commission are:

Councilor Dan Boots, Chair

Councilor Michael-Paul Hart, Vice-Chair

Councilor Jessica McCormick, City-County Council District 16

Councilor Carlos Perkins, City-County Council District 6

Collin Hill, CIO, Indianapolis-Marion County Information Services Agency

Frank Emmert, Director, Center for Int'l and Comparative Law, IU

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You can view the 2024 AI Commission Interim Report here: www.indy.gov/activity/press-releases

You can view the recordings of previous Commission meetings here: indianapolis.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=51.