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**VIGO COUNTY GOVERNMENT WINS STATEWIDE AWARD
FOR THEIR TERRE HAUTE CONVENTION CENTER**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) has awarded Vigo County *the 2022 Local Government Cooperation Award* for their Terre Haute Convention Center. Vigo County decided that a convention center would help the community remain competitive in their currently evolving downtown area. The Vigo County Council, along with the City of Terre Haute, and the Terre Haute Convention & Visitors Bureau collaborated to figure out the best way to receive funding on this project. This led to the establishment of a 1% food and beverage tax to the county. In the Fall of 2019, the official groundbreaking ceremony took place. With a big setback due to the global pandemic, the Terre Haute Convention Center was finally able to open in the Spring of 2022. This has been a great asset to the county as it has incorporated many museums, small businesses, an amphitheater and more. Vigo County is a wonderful example of how collaboration within the county leads to great outcomes.

Counties that win this prestigious award must demonstrate that the project meets the following criteria:

- Cooperation between one or more municipalities and county(s)
- Shows innovation
- Positive impact on the community and the participating governmental units
- Potential for the activity to serve as a model for other local governments

The award was announced Wednesday, September 21, 2022, during the AIC Annual Conference in St. Joseph County. Counties that win this award are chosen by a committee comprised of elected county officials from across the state.

During the conference, the AIC's Board of Directors also adopted its 2023 legislative platform and held elections for its executive board of directors. The AIC Board of Directors sets policies and legislative goals for the Association of Indiana Counties which represents all 92 Indiana counties.

Notes on Video and Still Photos

Video: Awards Banquet Presentation can be viewed on the AIC You Tube page at [<https://youtu.be/oNIGwnV11LQ>]

The Association of Indiana Counties, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that was 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.

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