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**Mayor of Crawfordsville, Indiana receives American Public Power Association’s public official award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Todd Barton, Mayor of Crawfordsville, Indiana, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Todd prioritizes public power and utility operations in his community. Todd has been active with APPA for 12 years — regularly championing public power at the local, state, and federal levels, and traveling to Washington, DC, to advocate for public power at APPA's Legislative Rally. During his four terms, he has helped the city’s electric system increase reliability and become more environmentally responsible while remaining a low-cost electric provider. Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power has earned the Sue Kelly Community Service Award under his leadership and has supported the utility in providing mutual aid, negotiating service territory with an investor-owned utility, and consistently promoting the prestige of public power. Todd works closely with Crawfordsville’s Utility Service Board and actively participates in decisions regarding utility funds and how they can benefit the community most effectively.

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