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Dotzler receives award for service to local governments

(Waterloo) Iowa Senator William Dotzler has been recognized by the Iowa Association of Regional Councils (IARC) for his support of Councils of Governments (COGs).

Dotzler received the Friend of the COGs award Friday, September 5, at Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, a member of IARC

Dotzler has been a long-time supporter of COGs , with his leadership on the Senate Economic Growth Committee and as chairman of the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee.

In 2014, Dotzler led the state to invest more in COGs to provide services to cities and counties across Iowa to secure needed resources for development, infrastructure and other critical services that often take several months to years to complete.

“IARC is proud to publically acknowledge Sen. Dotzler for all he has done to support COGs, our member cities and counties, and advance economic growth in Iowa, said Mike Norris, chair of IARC and executive director of the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission.

“COGs need state investment in order to maximize services to cities and counties,” Norris said. “Sen. Dotzler understands public partnerships are necessary for economic development.”

IARC is the trade association for the 17 COGs in Iowa. Since 1988, IARC has brought leaders and communities together to promote economic growth, improve public sector services and solve regional problems.

COGs provide professional planning, programming and technical assistance to Iowa cities and counties. In addition to planning services, COGs support business development, housing rehabilitation, grant writing and management, and workforce development.

In addition, COGs plan and program the distribution of federal transportation funds, for transit, city and county road projects, and trails.