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## **Novak to Step Down from RDA Board**

Crown Point, IN (April 3, 2013) – Peter Novak, the City of Hammond’s appointee to the Board of Directors of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA), is resigning from the Board effective April 30. Novak, CEO of the Greater Northwest Indiana Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>, cited an increasingly busy professional life and a desire to dedicate more time to family and academic pursuits as reasons for stepping away.

“I have very much enjoyed my appointment to the Board, but changes in my personal and professional life since 2009 are demanding more and more of my time,” Novak said. “I would like to thank Mayor McDermott, RDA President and CEO Bill Hanna, Chairman Leigh Morris and all of the Board for a tremendous experience. I’m sure that the next Hammond representative will find them as conscientious and dedicated to Northwest Indiana as I have.”

“Pete has been a very engaged and effective member of the Board,” Morris said. “His insights have been particularly significant in shaping our role in supporting regional economic development. He is a very effective advocate for Northwest Indiana, and I know he will continue to be.”

Hanna also saluted the outgoing Novak. “Our Board has diverse backgrounds and Pete brought a unique perspective to our discussions,” he said. “He is a great example of the talent and ability we have here in Northwest Indiana. I don’t doubt that his future is bright.”

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### **About the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority**

Established in 2005 through a bipartisan effort including Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Congressman Peter J. Visclosky, key state legislators, and local elected officials, the RDA is quasi-governmental development entity entrusted to make public investment decisions within a regional framework for supporting catalytic infrastructure projects and inducing private sector investment. Its mission is to be a catalyst for transforming the economy and quality of life for Northwest Indiana. For more information, visit [www.rdatransformation.com](http://www.rdatransformation.com) or [www.in.gov/rda](http://www.in.gov/rda)