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Dan Vicari named one of *The Times*' "20 under 40" in Northwest Indiana

GARY (September 29, 2015) – Gary/Chicago International Airport executive director Dan Vicari has been named one of *The Northwest Indiana Times*' top "20 under 40."

The program, in its 11th year, recognizes 20 people younger than 40 who have shown 'outstanding leadership and have become key players in the growth and development of Northwest Indiana', according to *The Times*' criteria. The award is designed to encourage young entrepreneurs, business owners and those who serve in government and the nonprofit sector to develop their potential, reinforce their values and become role models for others.

"It's an honor to be recognized with this award," said Vicari. "As a native of northwest Indiana, it's very fulfilling to be rewarded for doing a job I love, and being able to see the impact in my own community."

Dan was profiled in Sunday's issue of *The Times*. The story highlighted his journey from a Purdue University engineering graduate to becoming the leader of one of Northwest Indiana's largest infrastructure assets, the Gary/Chicago International Airport.

"As executive director of the Gary/Chicago International Airport, Dan Vicari has a very important job," said Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson. "The airport is an asset for the entire region, and I am so pleased that Dan is being recognized for his commitment not only to the airport, but to our community."

"On behalf of the Airport Authority, I am so proud to have Dan receive this prestigious honor," said board chair, Stephen Mays. "He has worked tirelessly as project manager of the Runway Expansion Project, and then as executive director, to help grow Gary/Chicago International Airport into an economic engine for the region."

Dan, and the other 19 award recipients, will be celebrated at an awards ceremony in late October.

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