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**LISA DAN NAMED AS A FINALIST FOR
NORTHWEST INDIANA INFLUENTIAL WOMEN AWARD**



Lisa Dan, Administrative Assistant at the Starke County Economic Development Foundation (SCEDF) for the past 10 years, was recently named a finalist for the 2016 Influential Women of Northwest Indiana recognition award. Ms. Dan was nominated by previous past presidents of the Foundation, Diane Thalmann and Bill Sonnemaker. Ms. Thalmann was a previous winner back in 2011 as Most Influential Woman in the category of Economic Development.

Dan was named a finalist in the category of Up and Coming in the field of economic development and was honored at the annual awards banquet held on September 29, 2016 at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. One Influential Woman and one Up and Coming Woman were recognized in each of 11 business categories, including business, construction/architecture/engineering, economic development, education, financial, government, healthcare, law, marketing/media, non-profit and service/tourism.

Dan joined the staff of SCEDF in 2006 bringing with her over 25 years of experience as an office administrator in the public, non-profit, and for-profit areas. Since joining the staff her job duties have grown to include planning a myriad of events for the Foundation, including ribbon-cuttings, ground-breakings, Manufacturers Day, small events when special guests visit Starke County, and this year, Reality Store Day. Charles Weaver, Executive Director of the Foundation, noted that, "Lisa is a great member of the SCEDF staff who never needs to be prompted to do any of the many tasks she performs for the Foundation, and always does those timely and well. In addition, she continues to grow in her ability to take on new responsibilities for the Foundation, and has developed into a key staff member in a number of ways. This honor is well-deserved and she continues to carry out her job duties on a daily basis with professionalism in all respects."

Dan joins a list of others connected to the Foundation as finalists in this annual event. In the past, Kathy Norem and Carla Musial, both currently serving on the Board, were finalists in the categories of government and banking, respectively. Wendy Hoppe, currently serving as President of the North Judson Town Council and as a member of the Foundation Board was the winner in 2012 of the Influential Woman in the construction/interior design category, and Diane Thalmann was also a previous winner in 2011, as previously noted.

Over the past 5 years more than \$50,000 has been raised through the Influential Women banquet, with all proceeds donated to local charities in Northwest Indiana.

For more information, visit www.nwiwomen.com.

ABOUT SCEDF

The Starke County Economic Development Foundation is a not-for-profit local economic development organization (LEDO) providing economic development opportunities on behalf of Starke County, Indiana, the City of Knox, and the Towns of North Judson and Hamlet through the development of industrial parks, rail spurs, greenfield sites, shovel-ready sites, infrastructure and workforce development. For more information regarding the Starke County Economic Development Foundation, visit www.scedf.biz.

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