



Leaders at the Core of Better Communities

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**International Local Government Management Organization
Recognizes Westlake, Texas**

Westlake, Texas honored for innovative and successful local governmental program

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The town of Westlake, Texas, was among 12 local governments and four individuals who were recently recognized for their outstanding programmatic and personal contributions to local government by ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. ICMA's 2013 Annual Awards Program recipients were officially honored at a Celebration of Service to the Profession, as part of the organization's 99th Annual Conference, September 25, in Boston, Massachusetts.

The ICMA Annual Awards Program recognizes creative contributions to professional local government management and demonstrates the value that profession contributes to the quality of life in our cities, towns, and counties. This year, an independent, 17-member evaluation panel reviewed more than 132 eligible nominations.

The ICMA awards are conferred in two categories: **Professional Awards**, which recognize individual achievement by outstanding chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, academics, and others; and **Program Excellence Awards**, which are presented to local governments and their chief administrators in recognition of their innovative and successful programs. ICMA congratulates the recipients of its 2013 Annual Awards:

Professional Awards

- **Award for Career Excellence in Honor of Mark E. Keane** recognizes an outstanding chief local government administrator who has fostered representative democracy by enhancing the effectiveness of local elected officials and by consistently initiating creative and successful programs. Recipient: **Marc A. Ott**, city manager, Austin, Texas.
- **Award for Career Development in Memory of L. P. Cookingham** recognizes an outstanding local government administrator who has made a significant contribution to the career development of new talent in professional local government management. Recipient: **Pamela L. Brenner**, town administrator, Peterborough, New Hampshire.
- **Assistant Excellence in Leadership Award in Memory of Buford M. Watson, Jr.** recognizes a local government management professional who has made significant contributions toward excellence in leadership while serving as an assistant (regardless of title) to a chief local government administrator or department head. Recipient: **Rudy P. Acosta, Jr.**, community health & wellness project manager, Desert Hot Springs, California.

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- **Academic Award in Memory of Stephen B. Sweeney** recognizes an academic leader who has made a significant contribution to the formal education of students pursuing careers in local government. The award was established in the name of the longtime director of the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government. Recipient: **William Spelman**, council member, Austin City Council, and professor, University of Texas at Austin, Texas.

Program Excellence Awards

Community Health and Safety Awards recognize the local government the innovative programs or processes that improve the community's safety, health, and/or wellness, or enhance the quality of life for the disadvantaged. This category is sponsored in part in memory of Carolyn Keane, first wife of ICMA's fourth Executive Director, Mark E. Keane, and in memory of Bill and Alice Hansell, parents of ICMA's fifth Executive Director, Bill Hansell.

- Less than 10,000 population: Community Support Services Program—**Uralla Shire, NSW, Australia**, and **Thomas P. O'Connor**, general manager
- Populations 50,000 or greater: Homesafe—**Surrey, BC, Canada**, and **Murray Dinwoodie**, city manager.

Community Partnership Awards recognize the programs or processes between and/or among a local government and other governmental entities, private sector businesses, individuals, or nonprofit agencies to improve the quality of life for residents or provide more efficient and effective services.

- Less than 10,000 pop.: Sharing Supper—**Mauston, Wisconsin**, and **Nathan R. Thiel**, city administrator; **Margie Strouse**, CEO, Sharing Supper; and **Doug Kryder**, assistant principal, Mauston High School.
- Populations 10,000 to 49,999: Greentree Health Science Academy—**Middletown, Ohio**, and **Judith A. Gilleland**, city manager.
- Populations 50,000 and greater: South Correctional Entity-SCORE Jail—**Des Moines, Washington**, and **Anthony A. Piasecki**, city manager; **Renton, Washington**, and **Jay Covington**, chief administrative officer; **SeaTac, Washington**, and **Todd Cutts**, city manager; **Tukwila, Washington**, and **David Cline**, city administrator; with the participation of **Auburn, Washington, Burien, and Federal Way, Washington**.

Community Sustainability Awards recognize the innovative local government programs or processes that demonstrate innovation, excellence, and success in balancing that community's social, economic, environmental, and cultural needs.

- Populations under 10,000: Deploying Geo-Thermal Energy in Historic Building, **Clarkdale, Arizona**, and **Gayle L Mabery**, town manager.
- Populations 10,000 to 49,999: zHome—**Issaquah, Washington**, and **Robert Harrison**, city administrator.
- Populations 50,000 and greater: Energy Green Building—**Austin, Texas**, and **Marc A. Ott**, city manager.

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Strategic Leadership and Governance Awards recognize the innovative and successful local government programs or processes that have significantly affected a local government organization's culture or strategic direction.

- Populations less than 10,000: Strategic Issues-Focused Governance Systems (SIGS)—**Westlake, Texas**, and **Thomas E. Brymer**, town manager; and **Amanda DeGan**, assistant town manager.
- Populations 50,000 and greater: Improving Accountability & Transparency—**Rock Hill, South Carolina**, and **David B Vehaun**, city manager; and **Monica D. Croskey**, budget and performance manager.

In addition to recognition at the Celebration of Service to the Profession in conjunction with the 99th ICMA Annual Conference, the 2013 Annual Award recipients are highlighted in a commemorative booklet that was published in the October 2013 issue of *PM (Public Management)* magazine. To view or download the booklet (located at the bottom of the page), visit <http://icma.org/awards>. For more information about ICMA's Annual Awards Program, contact Felicia Littky at flittky@icma.org or 202-0962-3656.

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ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide. The organization's mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional management to build sustainable communities that improve people's lives. ICMA provides member support; publications; data and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to 9,500 appointed city, town, and county leaders and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of individuals living in thousands of communities throughout the world, from small villages and towns to large metropolitan areas.