



*Leaders at the Core of Better Communities*

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## **Innovative, Creative Programs and Leaders Recognized by ICMA**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Ten local governments and four individuals have been recognized for their outstanding programmatic and personal contributions through ICMA's 2009 Annual Awards Program. These outstanding individuals and communities will be celebrated during the 95th ICMA Annual Conference, September 13-16, 2009, in Montréal, Québec.

ICMA's Annual Awards Program recognizes creative contributions to professional local government management and demonstrates the value professional management contributes to the quality of life in our cities, towns, and counties. This year, an independent, 17-member evaluation panel reviewed more than 125 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 2009 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: **Sheryl Sculley**, city manager, San Antonio, 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: **Ted Gaebler**, city manager, Rancho Cordova, California
- **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: **Florentine Miller**, deputy town manager, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- **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. Recipient: **James Svava**, professor and director, Center for Urban Innovation; Arizona State University

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### Program Excellence Awards

- **Community Health and Safety Awards** recognize the local government programs or processes that demonstrate innovation, excellence, and success in the community's safety, health, and/or wellness, including enhancement in the quality of life for the disadvantaged. This category is sponsored in part in memory of Carolyn Keane, first wife of ICMA's 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Director, Mark Keane, and in memory of Bill and Alice Hansell, parents of ICMA's 5th Executive Director, Bill Hansell. Recipients: **Evans, Colorado**, Ball for All Program (10,000-49,999 pop.), **Aden Hogan**, city manager; and **San Antonio, Texas**, Good Health! At Goodwill Program (50,000+ pop.), **Sheryl Sculley**, city manager
- **Community Partnership Awards** recognize the programs or processes that demonstrate innovation, excellence, and success in multi-participant involvement 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. Recipients: **Creston, British Columbia**, Community-Based Physician Recruitment in the Creston Valley (less than 10,000 pop.), **James Thackray**, town manager; **Beloit, Wisconsin**, Fairbanks Flats Row Homes Program (10,000-49,999 pop.), **Larry Arft**, city manager; and **Olathe, Kansas** BioScience Center (50,000+), **Michael Wilkes**, city manager, and **Susan Sherman**, assistant city manager
- **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. Recipients: **High Springs, Florida**, Farmers Market & Community Gardens (less than 10,000 pop.), **James Drumm**, city manager; **Winter Park, Florida**, Workforce Housing Initiative (10,000-49,999 pop.), **Randy Knight**, city manager; and **Roanoke, Virginia**, Clean & Green Campaign (50,000+ pop.), **Darlene Burcham**, city manager
- **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. Recipients: **Bedford, Massachusetts**, Affordable Housing Development (10,000-49,999 pop.) **Richard Reed**, town manager; and **Cape Coral, Florida**, Lean Government System (50,000+ pop.), **Terry Stewart**, city manager, and **Carl Schwing**, assistant city manager

In addition to recognition at the 95th ICMA Annual Conference, the 2009 Annual Award recipients will be highlighted in a commemorative booklet that will be published on [icma.org](http://icma.org) and in the October issue of *PM* magazine. For more information about the program, visit <http://icma.org/awards>, or contact Felicia Littky at [awards@icma.org](mailto:awards@icma.org) or 202/962-3656.

### About ICMA

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