

Leadership ICMA

COMMITMENT FORM

To: _____

INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING REFERENCE FORM

From: Leadership ICMA Applicant Review Panel

Subject: Participation of _____ in Leadership ICMA

APPLICANTS NAME

Thank you for supporting the applicant named above in his/her interest in participating in the Leadership ICMA program. The applicant must submit your Commitment Form as part of his or her application. Please return this form to the applicant.

Leadership ICMA is a competitive, intensive, two-year program designed specifically for those committed to a professional future in local government management at a senior level. The program is intended to cultivate key competencies needed for success in local government management including: personal leadership; integrity and ethics; team building; advocacy, communication and media relations; strategic planning; negotiation skills; initiative, risk taking, vision, creativity and innovation. If the applicant from your organization is selected to participate, we believe this training will significantly strengthen the participant's contributions to your organization as well as his/her own professional development.

The participant's investment in this program will include mandatory attendance at 2-4 multi-day classes over a two year period, completion of preparatory reading materials and writing assignments, and perhaps most significantly-full participation in one consulting project upon completion of the program. (Local governments/organizations such as yours will be asked to respond to an RFP for consulting projects to be completed by Leadership ICMA graduates for a very limited cost to the client entity.)

Applicants must be members of ICMA, must have at least three years of management experience in local government or a related field, and are required to have completed the ICMA Applied Knowledge Assessment for their own edification. (Results of the assessment remain confidential and are not considered in the review of applications.) Employers must be willing to support the educational and travel costs associated with this program. The tuition and materials fee is \$1,750 per year plus travel.

To find out more or apply, visit the Professional Development section of icma.org.

Please confirm your support of this applicant's full participation in Leadership ICMA for a two-year commitment of time and professional work and development by completing and signing the section below.

I support my employee's full participation in Leadership ICMA for a two-year period, including the associated professional and time commitments required, and agree to send tuition in the amount of \$1,750 upon acceptance into the Leadership ICMA.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____

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