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 **ICMA Recognizes [Insert Name of Individual] for**

**Commitment to the Profession**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—**[Insert Name of Individual Recipient, Title, and Entity]**, recently received a **[XX Year]** service award from ICMA, the premier local government leadership and management organization. **[Name of Individual Recipient]**’s achievement will be will be honored in various platforms including ICMA’s 2020 UNITE: A Digital Event, September 23-26, 2020.

**[Insert brief description of recipient and work history, if desired.]**

**[Insert quote from recipient.]**

The ICMA Local Government Service Awards Program recognizes and celebrates members’ dedication to public service and professional management at the local level. Awards are based on the number of years of full-time employment in local government. **[Name of Individual Recipient]** is qualified by **[XX Years]** of professional local government experience.

**[Optional: Insert quote from elected official, colleague, or other individual.]**

In addition to online and virtual conference recognition, the 2020 ICMA Local Government Excellence Award recipients will be highlighted in a commemorative booklet that will be posted on icma.org and published in the September 2020 issue of *PM* magazine.

For more information about ICMA’s Annual Awards Program, contact Joyce Lee Brown at jlee@icma.org or 202-962-3625.

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