THE MTAS MODEL

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WHO IS MTAS?
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- An agency of the Institute for Public Service (IPS) at UT
Who is MTAS?

• Staff of 53 FTEs
• Subject matter experts in multiple fields
  ➤ General management
  ➤ Finance
  ➤ Legal
  ➤ Public works
  ➤ Human resources
  ➤ Utilities
  ➤ Emergency services
  ➤ Research
  ➤ Codification
  ➤ Training

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WHAT IS MTAS?
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- Created by state statute in conjunction with the Tennessee Municipal League
- An outreach arm of the land grant university
- Founded to provide research, training and field consultative services
What is MTAS?

• Original statutory requirements:
  ➤ Fiscal administration
  ➤ Accounting
  ➤ Tax assessment and collection
  ➤ Law enforcement
  ➤ Improvements and public works
  ➤ Any and all matters relating to municipal government
What is MTAS?

• A consulting firm assisting TN cities and towns

• Today, in state statutes 22 times
WHEN WAS MTAS STARTED?
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- April 15, 1949
- We celebrated 70 years on tax day this year
WHERE IS MTAS?
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- Only in Tennessee, but everywhere in Tennessee
Where is MTAS?
WHY MTAS?
Why MTAS?

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Why MTAS?

- Herb Bingham, Tennessee Municipal League Executive Director
HOW MTAS?
How is MTAS Funded?

• 1% of the 4.0603% of state shared sales tax
• Line item budget in the state’s budget
• Training revenue
• Codification services
• Grants/endowments
How does MTAS work with the state?

- 22 mentions in state law
- Contract with AOC
- CMFO
- WWFB
- TDEC
- Comptroller
How does MTAS work with the League?

- Annual legislative review
- Instructors for annual conference
- EOA
- General research
- Concerns with issues shared freely
How does MTAS work with state partners?
THE MTAS MODEL – CUSTOMER PERSPECTIVE

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