

# **VLGMA's Corporate Sponsor Code of Ethics**

(adapted from ICMA's Corporate Partner Code of Ethics)

To further the mission and goals of the VLGMA Corporate Partnership Program and to reinforce VLGMA's continuing commitment to enhancing the quality and professionalism of local government, a corporate code of ethics (mirroring the ideals embodied in ICMA's Code of Ethics). These principles shall govern the conduct and actions of VLGMA Corporate Partners, who shall:

1. Be dedicated to the concepts of effective and democratic local government by responsible elected officials and believe that professional management is essential to achieving these goals.
2. Affirm the dignity and worth of the services rendered by government and maintain a constructive, creative, and practical attitude toward local government affairs.
3. Be dedicated to the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all facets of the relationship, so that the partners merit the respect and confidence of members of the corporate organization and members of VLGMA, local government elected officials and employees, and the public.
4. Recognize that the chief function of local government at all times is to serve the best interests of the public.
5. Recognize and support VLGMA members' commitment to career-long learning and improvement of local government management techniques.
6. Encourage communication and participation in information-sharing among the private sector, local government, and the public.
7. Resist any encroachment on local government managers' professional responsibilities, believing that professional local government managers should be free to carry out official policies without outside interference or influence.
8. Respect the open, competitive purchasing process of local governments, and provide full value in any goods or services for which public funds are accepted.
9. Neither seek nor grant favors; believe that aggrandizement or profit secured by the use of confidential information, abuse of trust, or the promise of personal enrichment is dishonest.

Please sign in the space provided below acknowledging that you as a VLGMA Corporate Sponsor agree to all of the above listed ethical guidelines.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed), Company and Title\_\_\_\_\_

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