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Martin Howe Credentialed by International Local Government Management Organization

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Martin Howe, City Manager of Clarksburg, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. Mr. Howe is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by promoting professional management worldwide and increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's nearly 9,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

City Manager, Martin Howe stated, "I'm honored to receive this certification, which now makes me one of four credentialed managers within the State of WV." Howe continued to state, "these types of certifications helps us (City Manager's) to be better manager's and provides better skills which you learn going through the process. These types of certifications help to make you a better manager as well as assist you in your personal and professional development."

Martin Howe is qualified by nine (9) years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to his appointment in September, 2005 as City Manager of Clarksburg, he served as an Enforcement

Agent for the WVABCA and prior to that as a Marketing/Manager for General Growth Properties which at the time was the 2nd largest REIT in the nation.

Martin Howe has also made significant contributions to a number of organizations, including: Serving on the WV Municipal League Board from 2010-2012, Member of the WV City Manager's Association, Served on Board from 2009 - 2012, and President in 2011-2012; Howe currently serves as Chairman of the Clarksburg Sanitary Board and Vice-Chairman of Clarksburg-Harrison Health Board. In addition, Howe serves on the Harrison County Economic Development Authority, Harrison County Economic Alliance Corporation, Clarksburg Urban Renewal Authority, Clarksburg Planning and Zoning Commission.

About ICMA

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide. The organization's mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional management to build sustainable communities that improve people's lives. ICMA provides member support; publications; data and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to 9,000 city, town, and county experts and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of people in thousands of communities, from small villages and towns to large metropolitan areas.

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