

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE – TIME SENSITIVE**

### **ICMA ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

**Dear State Leaders:** *In keeping with ICMA President Bonnie Svrcek's request to do "Just One Thing" this year, can your state association consider making a nomination to the Annual Awards Program?*

Each year, through its Annual Awards Program, ICMA recognizes outstanding contributions to the local government management profession. This is a great opportunity for colleagues and local governments in your state to receive recognition. Annual Awards are conferred in the areas of Professional Awards and Program Excellence Awards.

Professional Awards categories include:

- career excellence
- career development
- excellence in leadership as an assistant
- academic contributions to the profession

Program Excellence Awards recognize outstanding local government programs in the areas of:

- community health and safety
- community partnerships
- community sustainability
- strategic leadership and governance

As a leader in your state we ask that you consider which of your colleagues have made a significant difference in their community or to the profession of local government. Do you know of a colleague in your state who has implemented an innovative program that addressed a critical community need, improved quality of life for residents, or saved the local government valuable resources? If so, please encourage the individual or local community to apply for an ICMA Annual Award now! If you are so inclined, feel free to make the nomination on behalf of your colleague as an individual or state association.

In any case, I would appreciate your help in spreading the word about the Annual Awards Program to colleagues across your state and ask that you announce the ICMA Annual Awards program in your state's e-newsletter or on your state list-serv.

Nominations for the 2013 Annual Awards are closing soon and will be accepted through **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Award recipients will be honored by ICMA through a featured, commemorative insert to a fall issue of *Public Management (PM)* magazine and spotlight recognition at the [99<sup>th</sup> ICMA Annual Conference](#) in Boston, Massachusetts next September.

Full information on the 2013 ICMA Annual Awards, including the process for nominating an individual or community is available [online](#). If you have questions on the awards program please contact [awards@icma.org](mailto:awards@icma.org) or 202-962-3656.