



Leaders at the Core of Better Communities

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, develops and advances professional local government management to create sustainable communities that improve lives worldwide. ICMA provides member support; publications; data and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to nearly 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 individuals living in thousands of communities, from small villages and towns to large metropolitan areas.

ICMA members believe in:

- Serving as stewards of representative democracy.
- Practicing the highest standards of honesty and integrity in local governance, as expressed through ICMA's [Code of Ethics](#).
- Advocating for [professional management](#) as an integral component of effective local governance and community building, with council-manager government as the preferred local government structure.
- Building [sustainable communities](#) as a core responsibility of local government.
- Networking and exchanging knowledge and skills across [international](#) boundaries.
- Ensuring that local governments and the association reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.
- Committing to lifelong [learning](#) and [professional development](#).
- Building up the quality of the profession and the association through an engaged network of members personally committed to that end.

Organization Activities

ICMA offers a wide range of services to its members and the local government community. The Association is an internationally recognized [publisher](#) of information resources ranging from textbooks and survey data to topic-specific newsletters and e-publications. ICMA provides technical assistance to local governments in developing and decentralizing countries, helping them to develop professional practices and ethical, transparent governments. ICMA assists local governments in the United States through programs such as the [Center for Performance Measurement](#), the Smart Growth Network, and other programs that focus on specific areas of need. Visit www.ICMA.org.

The **City Managers Association of Delaware** is the Delaware affiliate of the ICMA. The organization meets quarterly and, traditionally, has the Governor of the State of Delaware as a guest at one of its member luncheons.

The City Managers Association of Delaware provides a forum for professional development by discussion of relevant operational and policy subjects. There are fifty-seven municipalities and three counties in the State of Delaware.