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Wisconsin Local Governments Working Together To Deliver Better Services At Lower Costs

Case Studies Illustrate Range of Collaboration, Consolidation and Sharing Around Service Delivery

Local governments across Wisconsin are finding creative ways of working together to deliver better services at lower costs to taxpayer. A set of 85 case studies documenting local government collaboration around the delivery of 34 types of services was recently released by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin. Types of services include animal control, building inspection, data services, environmental protection, land use, public safety, health, roads, waste management, parks & recreation, public works, records, purchasing, tax increment financing and transportation.

One thing stands out from the collection of case studies – it takes time and energy to bring a collaborative service delivery initiative to fruition. Many cases are years in the making. State cuts in shared revenue and other local government funding programs have an immediate impact on budgets that can undermine efforts to find ways of delivering local services across multiple jurisdictions. A program to help fund such initiatives or otherwise provide incentives to continue efforts to improve service delivery efficiency is needed in the face of reduced local government support from the state.

The Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (LGI), formed by the associations representing local government in Wisconsin - the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association and the Urban Alliance, released the case studies today in a report titled *Local Government Collaboration in Wisconsin: Case Studies*. The document is a publication from a data base of case studies maintained on the group's website at www.localgovinstitute.org/casestudies. The on-line database includes actual agreements and other documents associated with many of the case studies.

The collection of case studies was a recommendation from LGI's research report issued in 2010, *A Roadmap for Government Transformation*. One of the many recommendations from the study examining barriers and success factors for greater local government collaboration was that case studies and documents should be collected so that others interested in initiating a collaborative effort could have a template and a contact to offer guidance. The 2010 report is available on LGI's website at www.localgovinstitute.org/roadmap.

The case studies were collected over the course of two years by soliciting examples from local government leaders. There are many more examples of local government collaboration that were not submitted. LGI is continuing to collect examples of local governments working together to deliver public services. We encourage people to let us know of such examples. LGI maintains a form for collecting case studies at <http://lgicasestudyinput.questionpro.com/> or an email may be sent to exec_dir@localgovinstitute.org.

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This report is part of an on-going effort by LGI to encourage examining the ways in which local government services are delivered within an area including the quality and cost of those services. The ability of local governments to cooperate regionally and the efficiency of local service delivery are key components affecting the economic competitiveness of Wisconsin. Other on-going efforts by LGI include co-hosting a Lean Government Conference with the Wisconsin Center for Performance Excellence, hosting occasional workshops and webinars and conducting research.

Local Government Collaboration in Wisconsin: Case Studies is available either as a free download or hard copy purchase from the LGI website - www.localgovinstitute.org/casestudies2012.

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Date Appointed	November 12, 2007	Nov. 12, 2007	Nov. 12, 2007	November 12, 2007
Initial Term	Two Year; Jim Dwyer 2007-4/12	Three Year, re-appointed 4/2010	Two Year - Wehrle re-appointed 11/09 & 08/10	One Year - First year filled by D'Amato
Term Expires	Apr-15	Apr-13	Apr-15	Apr-14
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Initial Term	One Year - re-appointed 4/08, 4/11	Three Year - re-appointed 4/10	One Year (staggered) - reappointed 05/09 & 05/12	Two Year - reappointed June 10
Term Expires	Apr-14	Apr-13	May-15	Jul-13
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Representing	Public	
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