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JANUARY 2008

MOVE SPRINGFIELD

The Conference is launching a new lobbying program, *Move Springfield*, that involves members participating directly in the legislative process. The three-pronged program:

- Reinforces the Action Call process by calling on mayors to make direct contact with legislators on urgent issues;
- Develops Expert Teams of municipal officials around Conference Priorities that provide detailed expertise, analysis and testimony on our most important issues; and
- Directly involves municipal officials and staff in the lobbying program by creating a presence and a visibility in Springfield of municipal officials every week of the Legislative Session.

Details on this program are being distributed to DMMC members. Contact **Rick Curneal**, Legislative Director, for more information at rcurneal@dmmc-cog.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Conference is pleased to announce the appointment of Hanover Park Mayor **Rodney Craig** to the Board of Directors. Mayor Craig replaces Peter Burchard as Deputy Director of the Transportation Policy Committee.

ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION AND DINNER

The Annual Legislative Reception and Dinner will coincide with the January Conference Business Meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. Please note that the reception will begin one - half hour earlier than usual, at 5:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn Select, Naperville. To register for dinner, please contact **Mary Ann Jurevich**, Executive Assistant/Events Planner, at mjurevich@dmmc-cog.org. You may also log on to the DMMC website at www.dmmc-cog.org/calendar.aspx to view the invitation and directions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES
FOR RECEIVING THE
2007 GOVERNOR'S HOME TOWN AWARD:

GLENDALE HEIGHTS, ITASCA, SCHAUMBURG, WESTMONT

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Legislative Reception and Dinner

5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Select
Naperville

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Surface Transportation Board Open House

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
St. Andrews Golf Club
West Chicago

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 23-25

U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting

Washington D.C.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Conference Business Meeting

Program: *DuPage Biz*
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Westin Yorktown Center
Lombard

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8-9

Springfield Drive Down

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DMMC LEADERS NEEDED

DMMC is accepting nominations for 2008-2009 leadership positions. Members are encouraged to help shape the Conference and its policies and positions by volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors as an officer, committee director, or at-large representative. Position descriptions and nomination forms were mailed in early January and forms are due to the Conference by Friday, January 25, 2008. Please consider nominating yourself or an outstanding peer to help guide the Conference through the next year and into the future.

CHANGE IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Public Act 95-0699 has been signed by the Governor. This new law mostly addresses Election Board issues, but also includes a significant change for municipalities that have Primary elections. It doubles the number of candidates that set the threshold for requiring a Primary election. For example, an election for mayor in a community previously required a primary election if more than two candidates file. Under the new law, it now requires more than four candidates filing to trigger the primary election. For more information, go to www.ilga.gov and click on *Public Acts*. The sections related to municipal elections begin on page 186 of the bill.

CMAP INVITES MUNICIPALITIES TO JOIN WORKING COMMITTEES

CMAP is recruiting municipal members for the following Committees: Land Use, Economic and Community Development, Environment and Natural Resources, Housing, and Human Services. DMMC encourages members to join a Committee to ensure that local government interests are represented in the regional planning process. Please contact **Tam Kutzmark**, Transportation and Planning Director, for more information or if you are interested in volunteering, at tkutzmark@dmmc-cog.org.

LOCAL SPONSORS BACK COD CONNECTOR

The City of Wheaton joined the City of Naperville and DuPage County as the newest local sponsor of the COD Connector (also known as Pace Route 714). Together, the three local sponsors are providing the local match to CMAQ funds totaling \$752,551.38. Early in 2007, when the route was initiated, it averaged 139 daily riders. That number has since doubled due to a collaborative marketing effort.

CALL FOR CMAQ PROJECTS

CMAP issued a call for FY 2009 Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects on December 3, 2007. The CMAQ program funds projects such as intersection improvements and bicycle/pedestrian facilities, that reduce congestion or improve air quality in the region. Project proposals are due on Friday, February 1, 2008. More information and application materials can be found on the CMAP website www.cmap.illinois.gov under *committees, other groups*. Requests for letters of support from the Transportation Technical Committee should be forwarded to **Kama Dobbs**, Transportation Project Manager, by Monday, January 14, 2008.

OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS RAILROAD PURCHASE

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) will hold an open house on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at the St. Andrews Golf Club in West Chicago from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss interests and concerns regarding the Canadian National Railroad purchase of EJ&E Railroad. Additional information and the draft scope for the Environmental Impact Statement are available on the STB website www.stb.dot.gov. For more information, contact **Kama Dobbs**, Transportation Project Manager, at kdobbs@dmmc-cog.org.

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FEBRUARY CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

The February Conference Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. The program will be a presentation by DuPage Biz CEO and President, **Roger Hopkins**. Also, Attorney General **Lisa Madigan** has been invited to accept the Governmental Leader of the Year Award.

To register, contact **Mary Ann Jurevich**, Exec. Assistant/Events Planner, at mjurevich@dmmc-cog.org. DMMC events, including Conference Business Meetings, are now posted on the Conference website www.dmmc-cog.org.

DMMC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES PRESENTED TO LEGISLATORS

The Conference presented its 2008 Legislative Priorities at the annual Legislative Reception and Dinner on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. We appreciate the following legislators who attended and participated: **Rep. Patricia Bellock**, **Rep. Robert Biggins**, **Sen. Kirk Dillard**, **Rep. Michael Fortner**, **Sen. Randall Hultgren**, **Rep. James Meyer**, **Rep. Sandra Pihos**, **Sen. Christine Radogno**, **Rep. Randy Ramey**. The 2008 Legislative Action Program can be found on the DMMC website www.dmmc-cog.org.

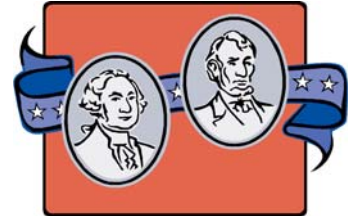
Workshop: Approaching and Achieving Successful Economic Development Projects

The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and the West Central Municipal Conference present this workshop, which will address the challenges suburban communities face when redeveloping or revitalizing commercial corridors.

Thursday, March 13, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake

To register, contact **Kim Sumner**, Member Services and Communications Manager, at ksumner@dmmc-cog.org. The registration flyer is available at www.dmmc-cog.org.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Presidents' Day
DMMC Office is closed

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Conference Business Meeting
Program: DuPage Biz
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Westin Yorktown Center
Lombard

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
Workshop: Approaching and Achieving Successful Economic Development Projects
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Grant Park Recreation Center
Northlake

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
Conference Business Meeting
Program: DMMC Strategic Plan
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Location to be announced

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 8 & 9
Springfield Drive Down

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN LAND USE

Congratulations to the Village of Bartlett for receiving the Community Vision Award presented by Urban Land Institute Chicago, the Metropolitan Planning Council, the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The Community Vision Award recognizes projects and communities that demonstrate excellence in applying sound land use principals and set examples of best practices within the Chicago region. Bartlett was chosen for its Town Center, a mixed-use project that includes green spaces, residential, retail, community space and a new Community Center.

DMMC REPRESENTATIVE IN LEADERSHIP POSITION

Robert Martin, General Manager of the DuPage Water Commission, was elected Vice Chair of the Regional Water Supply Planning Group (RWSPG). The RWSPG was established as a result of an Executive Order by Governor Blagojevich. The executive order required the development of a comprehensive statewide water supply planning management strategy for northeastern Illinois and the Mahomet Aquifer servicing the communities of Decatur and Champaign-Urbana. CMAP has been commissioned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to facilitate water supply planning for the 11-county area in northeastern Illinois which includes Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. Mr. Martin was appointed by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference to represent DuPage County municipal interests on the RWSPG.

REBATES FOR "GREEN" CARS

Green Rewards, a new program offered by the Illinois State Treasurer, provides rebates for municipalities that purchase new hybrids or other fuel efficient vehicles. For eligibility rules and application procedures, visit www.treasurer.il.gov and click on the *Green Rewards* link.

RTA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR STP PROGRAMS

The RTA has issued a call for project applications for two federal surface transportation funding programs - Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom. Applications for both are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 20, 2008. For more information or to download an application, visit www.jarcnf.rtachicago.com.

LOAN FOR EMERALD ASH BORER REMOVAL ASSISTANCE ON ITS WAY

Illinois' Senator **Richard Durbin** has included his proposed Invasive Species Revolving Loan Fund in the Farm Bill recently approved by the U.S. Senate. The Loan Fund is designed to help municipalities defray the costs of invasive species management activities (e.g. Emerald Ash Borer). It creates a low-interest revolving loan fund for the purchase of capital equipment and replacement trees, and to perform management activities on municipal government land within quarantine areas. Communities would have 20 years to repay the loan. Currently, such federal assistance programs are only available to states.

POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PROGRAM

The Civic Federation and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago are co-hosting a forum on *Facing the Challenge of Retiree Health Care: Liabilities and Responses of State and Local Government*. The forum will be Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. To register, contact **Clara Botstein** at (312) 201-8829. The registration fee is \$45 for non-Civic Federation Members.

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DMMC WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

We are pleased to introduce **Michael Mulcrone** as our new Associate Director. Michael has extensive and varied experience as a police officer, business proprietor, and local government administrator. Michael is looking forward to working with members on the DMMC Strategic Plan, and staffing Intergovernmental Relations Committee meetings.

ELECTION OF 2008-2009 CONFERENCE OFFICERS

The Conference will hold its April Business Meeting during the Springfield Drive Down welcome lunch on Tuesday, April 8, in order to elect our 2008-2009 Conference Officers.

Nominations for 2008-2009 Conference Officers will be accepted at the April 8 meeting, as well as the March 19 Conference Business Meeting, to accommodate members who will not be in Springfield.

HANOVER PARK AWARDED FOR INNOVATION

The **Village of Hanover Park** received the Illinois Municipal League's 2007 Illinois Community Innovation Award for its police department's creative use of staff meetings. The new format of the meetings resulted in an all time low in area crime and a record high year in DUI enforcement. Congratulations to Hanover Park for its accomplishment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DMMC STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Session one - Wednesday, March 19, 2008

5:30 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

6:20 p.m. - Business Meeting

Strategic Planning discussion to begin immediately following Business Meeting. *Please note that the recommended attire for this meeting is business casual.*

Session two - Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, 2008

Additional details to come.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Workshop: Approaching and Achieving Successful Economic Development Projects

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Grant Park Recreation Center
Northlake

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Conference Business Meeting

Program: DMMC Strategic Plan

5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Downers Grove Park District
Recreation Center

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

APRIL 8 & 9

Springfield Drive Down

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

APRIL 18 & 19

Strategic Planning Session



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RTA SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON COOK-DUPAGE CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROPOSALS

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will hold a series of public meetings to share information and obtain public input on a new transportation proposal in the western suburbs that would greatly expand commuter options.

After two years of developing the Cook-DuPage Corridor concept plans, a committee of county and municipal elected officials recently approved a scenario of eight transportation improvements to advance for more detailed analysis. The recommended improvements are designed to help increase mobility in the heavily congested Cook-DuPage Corridor. The committee also laid out a set of actions and policies to define the next steps.

The RTA would like your feedback on proposed transportation solutions for the Cook-DuPage Corridor. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Addison Village Hall, 1 Friendship Plaza, Addison. Visit <http://cook-dupagecorridor.com> for more information.

GREENEST REGION MUNICIPALITIES

Twenty-two DuPage municipalities endorsed or scheduled endorsement of the Greenest Region Compact - more than any other Council of Government. Each one will receive a share of 500,000 free CFL lightbulbs. Delivery of the lightbulbs is expected in April - just in time for Earth Day on April 20!

CONFERENCE WEBSITE A USEFUL TOOL

A calendar of Conference events, newsletters, information on legislative items, and links to other agencies and organizations can all be found in one place: www.dmmc-cog.org. Visit today!

CONFERENCE MEMBERS RECEIVE GRANTS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS

The **City of Aurora** and **Village of Glen Ellyn** are recipients of grants for local historic preservation projects. Aurora will receive \$7,000 to publish a brochure of Civil War era architecture in Aurora. The brochure will detail architecture styles of the period and give a brief history with photos of various Civil War era buildings. Glen Ellyn will receive \$14,000 to conduct a historic structures survey of the north central portion of the village. The data collected will be incorporated into the village's planning process, and be used for local landmark and National Register of Historic Places nominations.

PUBLIC ACTS WORTH NOTING

Two pieces of legislation recently signed by the Governor may impact municipalities:

P.A. 095-0675 authorizes a county, by action of the county board or a majority of the school districts within the county, to initiate a referendum for a sales tax to fund capital facilities projects for schools. In early February, voters in Williamson County (Marion), IL approved such a referendum 52% to 48%. Funds are distributed to school districts in the county based on student head-count.

P.A. 095-0398 creates a new program that provides for a "commemorative plaque" that would serve as a DUI Memorial Marker to memorialize one or more victims who died as the result of a DUI-related crash. The Act includes the specifications for the Memorial Marker. Municipal participation in the program is optional and requires the community to formally establish a program to participate. In addition, IDOT must secure the consent of any municipality before placing a DUI Memorial Marker within the corporate limits.

Copies of these Acts are available at www.ilga.gov.

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APRIL & MAY 2008

DMMC OFFICERS ELECTED

We are pleased to announce our Officers for 2008-2009:

President, Joseph Broda

Mayor, Village of Lisle

Vice President, Robert Iden

President, Village of Bloomingdale

Secretary/Treasurer, Gerald Sprecher

Manager, Village of Lisle

Officers will be inducted and President-Elect Broda will announce appointments to the Board of Directors at the May 2 Annual Dinner. All terms begin June 1.

DMMC LAUNCHES CORPORATE PARTNERS PROGRAM

DMMC announces its latest sponsorship opportunity, **Corporate Partners**. The program offers many opportunities for Conference participation. The brochure and application can be downloaded from the DMMC website www.dmmc-cog.org. For more information, contact **Michael Mulcrone**, Associate Director, at (630) 571-0480, ext. 224 or mmulcrone@dmmc-cog.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **2008 Annual Dinner and Recognition Ceremony** will be Friday, May 2, 2008 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle. The reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. A registration form can be downloaded at www.dmmc-cog.org and faxed to the Conference at (630) 571-0484.

The Conference's **Annual Vehicle and Public Works Equipment Auction** will be Saturday, June 14, 2008 at Benedictine University, 5700 College Road, Lisle, in the Kindlon Hall West Parking Lot. Registration and viewing begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Auction begins at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact **Marcy Ramirez Velez** at (630) 571-0480.

Save the date for the **Annual DMMC Golf Outing** on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at the Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights. Sponsorship and registration forms will be mailed in May.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, MAY 2

DMMC Annual Dinner

6:00 p.m.

Hilton Lisle/Naperville

Lisle

TUESDAY, MAY 6

MMC Regional Foreclosure Forum

12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Federal Reserve Bank

Chicago

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Metropolitan Planning Council Regional Water Conference

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Union League Club of Chicago

Chicago

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

DMMC Vehicle and Equipment Auction

Benedictine University

Lisle

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Conference Business Meeting Program to be Announced

Salt Creek Golf Club

Wood Dale

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ILLINOIS WORKS COALITION

On March 5, Governor Blagojevich announced the formation of the Illinois Works Coalition, a bipartisan campaign to gain support for the passage of the Illinois Works capital bill. The Coalition will be holding a series of Listening Session events statewide to inform the public of the need for a capital bill and to garner grassroots support. A full list of coalition members and Listening Session dates can be found at www.illinoisworkscoalition.com.

GO TO 2040

CMAP is looking to the future and wants you to join them. *Go To 2040* is a regional comprehensive plan, or long-range plan for the future of Northeastern Illinois. The Plan is due to be completed in 2010 and will extend through 2040. It will address the region's transportation system, land use, the natural environment, economic development, housing and human services. CMAP is in the process of gathering information through interactive methods, which are posted on their website www.goto2040.org. The latest interactive component of *Go To 2040* is Community Conversations, small meetings in communities around metropolitan Chicago. At these gatherings, residents will be asked about preferences for preserving and enhancing the region's quality of life. Learn more about *Go To 2040* and Community Conversations, including how to host or sponsor one, at www.goto2040.org.

GRANTS FOR CLEANER AIR

The EPA is awarding grants to assist eligible partners in building diesel emission reduction programs that improve air quality and protect public health. Funding will be distributed through the National Clean Diesel program and the State Clean Diesel Grant program. Proposal due dates and funding availability vary by EPA region. Due dates range from May 30 to July 1, 2008. Full information, including links to regional websites with details on the RFPs, is available at www.epa.gov/cleandiesel.

'SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL' GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

Congratulations to the 2007 Safe Routes to School grant recipients: **Downers Grove, Glendale Heights, Lemont, Naperville, Warrenville, Westmont and Woodridge**. The awards are part of \$8.3 million awarded to 112 projects statewide as part of a new federally funded program designed to make it safer for kids to walk and bike to school. The funding will be used for engineering improvements as well as enforcement, encouragement, evaluation and education efforts. Look for the 2008 Call for Projects in August. More information can be found at www.dot.il.gov/saferoutes.

LIGHTS OUT

Ten DMMC communities joined Chicago in powering down for Earth Hour on March 29. **Bartlett, Carol Stream, Downers Grove, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Lemont, Lisle, Lombard, St. Charles, and Villa Park** signed on for the event to show that every day, people and corporate citizens working together can make a difference in the fight against global climate change.

SUCCESSFUL SPRINGFIELD DRIVE DOWN

On April 8 and 9, representatives from 24 DuPage municipalities participated in the 2008 Springfield Drive Down. DMMC met with **Senate Republican Leader Frank Watson, House Republican Leader Tom Cross, House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, Senator Kwame Raoul**, and other legislators from throughout the state. On Tuesday evening, participants and legislators attended a reception and dinner at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and had exclusive access to exhibits. Thank you to all of the participants for making this year's event successful!

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DMMC WELCOMES NEW OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

The Conference is pleased to introduce **Suzette Quintell**, DMMC's new Operations Director, as of April 28. Suzette previously served as the Darien Area Dispatch Center Manager and has vast experience in budgeting, IT systems, and human resources. We look forward to working with Suzette!

STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTINUES

On May 28, members took part in the second session of our Strategic Planning process. Led by facilitator **Joyce Hollingsworth**, members focused on issues and trends relevant to the Conference. The Strategic Plan is a document the Conference updates every three to five years to adjust our attention to special projects and services that will aid our growth and overall success as a resource for member communities.

"CHICAGO 2016" PRESENTATION

Join us for the DMMC Conference Business Meeting at the Salt Creek Golf Club in Wood Dale on Wednesday, June 18. The event, which is casual dress, begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar reception at *Top Golf*, the golf game adjacent to the Salt Creek Golf Club. After the buffet dinner, *Chicago 2016* will give a presentation to the membership on Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. To register, contact **Mary Ann Jurevich**, Executive Assistant/Events Planner, at (630) 571-0480, ext. 222.

JOIN US ON THE LINKS AT THE 2008 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch Buffet starts at 11:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start at 12:00 noon

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Contests, Raffle Prizes, Split the Pot

For more information, contact Kim Sumner,
Member Services and Communications Manager,
at (630) 571-0480, ext. 226 or ksumner@dmmc-cog.org.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Conference Business Meeting

Program: Chicago 2016

5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Salt Creek Golf Club

Wood Dale

FRIDAY, JULY 4

DMMC closed for the holiday

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

DMMC Annual Golf Outing

10:00 a.m.

Glendale Lakes Golf Club

Glendale Heights

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

MMC Gala

Soldier Field

Chicago

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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Chicago Hilton and Towers

Chicago



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2008 ANNUAL DINNER AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The DMMC Annual Dinner and Recognition Ceremony was held on Friday, May 2, 2008 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville. The Lisle High School Jazz Band provided delightful entertainment for the evening.

Congratulations to former Lombard Village Manager **William Lichter** and DuPage Water Commission Chairman **S. Louis Rathje**, who each received a 2008 Intergovernmental Cooperation Award.

Also during the night, the 2007-2008 Board of Directors was recognized for its service and Lisle Mayor **Joseph Broda** was inducted as 2008-2009 Conference President. We look forward to working with President Broda and the incoming Board members during the coming year.



DMMC President and Lisle Mayor Joseph Broda poses next to an ice sculpture of a gavel at the Annual Dinner.

GRANT AVAILABLE FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Grant packages are available for public and private grade schools to support Walk to School Day events. The grants are offered by the Chicago Bicycle Federation in collaboration with a variety of partners. Only individual schools may apply and applications are due July 1, 2008. For more information, contact **Shana Hazan**, Safe Routes to School Director, at shana@biketraffic.org.

GENETIC INFORMATION ACT PASSES IN CONGRESS

Congress has passed the *Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act*, which prohibits employers, including municipalities and their insurance providers, from discriminating against job applicants or employees based on genetic information. The bill expressly prohibits employers from requesting, requiring or purchasing an employee's genetic information as a condition of employment. In addition, health insurers are prohibited from adjusting premiums or contribution amounts for anyone on the basis of their genetic information. The measure received overwhelming support in Congress (114-1 in the House and 95-0 in the Senate), and is expected to be signed by the President. More information is available at www.thomas.gov, search for H.R. 493.

DMMC WELCOMES CORPORATE PARTNERS

The Conference looks forward to working with its 19 new Corporate Partners. The Corporate Partners program, launched earlier this year, gives organizations an opportunity to collaborate on projects with DMMC and network with members.

Platinum Partners:

Call One • Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
• Motorola • Prescient Solutions

Gold Partners:

Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni and Krafthefer, P.C. • Burns and McDonnell Engineering • Clark Dietz, Inc. • McDonough Associates, Inc. • Speer Financial, Inc. • Tyco Electronics

Silver Partners:

Baxter and Woodman, Inc. • Civiltech Engineering, Inc. • FGM Architects • Illinois American Water • Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund • Nicor Gas • S.B. Friedman and Co. • Thomas Engineering Group, LLC • Wolf Financial Group

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JULY/AUGUST 2008

GOLF OUTING A SWINGING SUCCESS

The 2008 DMMC Annual Golf Outing was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at the Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights. Members, Corporate Partners, and local business leaders enjoyed a day of sun, networking, and of course, golf!

Congratulations to the winners of the course contests:

Best Score: The foursome from Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni and Krafthefer, P.C. - Gerry Granada, Britt Isley, Greg Mathews and Brien Sheahan.

Closest to the Hole: Greg Loberg (Harris Bank) and Nancy Hill (Ehlers & Associates)

Longest Drive: Coty Cooper (Motorola) and JoEllen Charlton (Mortenson Construction)

Putting Contest: First Place - Don Burgeson (Thomas Engineering Group) Second Place - Mayor Tom Mazaika (Oakbrook Terrace)

We'd like to thank the Village of Glendale Heights and the Glendale Lakes Golf Club for hosting this wonderful event. Also thank you to our sponsors for making the DMMC Annual Golf Outing possible. We hope to see everyone next year!



Bloomington President Bob Iden and Administrator Dan Wennerholm with Oakbrook Terrace City Manager Marty Bourke and Mayor Tom Mazaika.

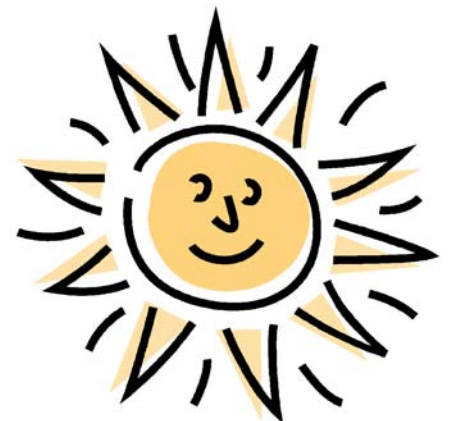
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
Conference Business Meeting
Location and Program TBD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Workshop: Local Government Budgeting 101
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Hanover Park Fire Dept.
Station #1
Hanover Park

REMINDER:

There will be no
Conference Business
Meeting in August.
Enjoy the rest of the
summer!



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WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETING 101

The Conference is co-hosting a workshop with the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at Hanover Park Fire Station #1, 6850 Barrington Road, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The workshop, *Local Government Budgeting 101*, is geared toward non-finance professionals, elected officials, and new finance department personnel. The seminar will expose attendees to the history, challenges, and importance of local governmental financial planning. For more information or to register, visit www.igfoa.org or contact **Kim Sumner**, Member Services and Communications Manager, at (630) 571-0480, ext. 226 or ksumner@dmmc-cog.org.

INNOVATIVE IDEA SHARING WITH IML

IML is seeking submissions for the annual Illinois Innovations and Showcase to be held at the IML Annual Conference in Chicago on September 25-28. The showcase highlights the "good things" that Illinois cities are doing and provides a resource base of innovative ideas that encourages peer sharing. For more information on the annual conference and the Innovations Showcase, visit www.iml.org. Registrations may be sent to **Joe Schatteman** by Friday, August 22, 2008, at jschatteman@iml.org

DMMC AUCTION RESULTS

The Conference is pleased to report the results of the June 14, 2008 Vehicle and Equipment Auction. Sixteen participants sold 121 items for a grand total of \$267,783. Thank you to the municipal volunteers who helped make it a smooth process. Please contact **Marcy Ramirez**, Administrative Assistant, at (630) 571-0480 if you are interested in participating in the Conference's Fall Auction, to be held Saturday, October 11, 2008.

STP APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

The deadline for turning in your STP Application is Friday, August 8, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact **Kama Dobbs**, Transportation Project Manager, at (630) 571-0480, ext. 232 or kdobbs@dmmc-cog.org.

SURVEY SHOWS STATE VIDEO FRANCHISING BRINGS NO RATE RELIEF - WHILE HARMING PUBLIC BENEFITS

In May 2008, the Alliance for Community Media initiated a survey of the impact of state video franchise laws. There were 204 participants from 22 states. Some of the findings include:

- Two-thirds of respondents said basic cable rates have increased after state video franchise law was adopted - while only 1% said that rates have gone down;
- 20% report PEG funding decreases since advent of statewide franchising;
- Respondents from 17 communities in 8 states report loss of access to PEG facilities managed by incumbent cable operators;
- 26% of respondents that had cable service for public buildings, and 41% that had an Institutional Network, report the loss or reduction of these benefits;
- Almost two-thirds report that new state franchise service providers deliver PEG channels with impaired signal quality and functionality;
- Nearly 25% of respondents said they lost or expect to lose PEG channels; and
- Respondents from 29 communities report PEG channels being moved to "digital only" channels.

More information and complete survey results are available at www.cantv.org.

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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND NOMINATIONS FOR GOVERNMENTAL LEADER OF THE YEAR BEING ACCEPTED

The Conference is now soliciting legislative proposals for the **2009 Legislative Action Program**. This is your opportunity to suggest state and federal legislative initiatives for the Legislative Committee's consideration.

The Conference is also seeking nominations for the **2008 Governmental Leader of the Year Award**. This award honors federal, state or county officials who exhibit knowledge and understanding of municipal concerns and work toward solutions to these concerns. Last year the Conference presented Attorney General Lisa Madigan with the award for her role during negotiations on the Cable and Video Competition Act.

Submission forms for both the Legislative Action Program proposals and Governmental Leader of the Year nominations can be received by contacting **Rick Curneal**, Legislative Director, at rcurneal@dmmc-cog.org.

GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

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PUBLIC PENSION REFORM BILL SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Last month, Governor Blagojevich signed House Bill 5088, public pension reforms. This was a Legislative Priority for the Conference in 2008, as well as other regional councils of government and the Illinois Municipal League. The Conference wishes to thank all who were involved in the successful outcome of this critical issue.

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Conference Business Meeting

Program: Update on ETSB

Radio Project

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The Grotto Oak Brook

Oak Brook

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Workshop: Local Government Budgeting 101

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Hanover Park Fire Station

6850 Barrington Road

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

IML Annual Conference

Hilton Chicago Hotel

Chicago

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

DMMC Vehicle & Public Works Equipment Auction

9:00 a.m.

Cypress Cove Aquatic Center

Woodridge



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FREE FORECLOSURE GUIDANCE

There are options available to residents who are facing foreclosure. The DuPage Homeownership Center (DHOC) offers free foreclosure prevention services to all DuPage County homeowners. Brochures detailing their services are available to municipalities who wish to make them available to their residents. DHOC is a non-profit housing counseling agency certified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For more information, contact **Sheila McCann**, DHOC Director of Outreach and Development, at (630) 260-2500, ext. 2507.

GRANTS FOR GOING GREEN

The State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) provides incentives for local governments looking to make energy efficient improvements to their buildings. Grants and rebates are available for electric system efficiency improvements including lighting, motors, variable frequency drive controls, HVAC equipment, and traffic signals. There are also new construction grants for the design of new or rehabbed buildings to achieve the highest level of energy efficiency. Visit the DCEO website for more information at www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/bureaus/ and click on "Energy & Recycling".

BIKE TRAILS APLENTY IN DUPAGE

DuPage County announces the completion of the new regional bikeway plan, which represents the combined efforts of almost 90 local and regional organizations. In addition, public comments received during open houses held around the county in April were taken into consideration while working on the bike plan. Currently, there are 462 miles of bike routes, lanes, trails and paths, with 307 additional miles proposed. To obtain a copy of the regional bikeway plan, contact **Deborah Fagan** at dfagan@dupageco.org.

DMMC ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR AUCTION

DMMC will be holding its Fall Vehicle and Public Works Equipment Auction on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Center, 8301 S. Janes Ave., Woodridge. There is still time to get your unwanted vehicles, equipment and even spare parts onto the auction block. Contact **Marcy Ramirez**, Administrative Assistant, at (630) 571-0480 to reserve your spot. Our summer auction had over 100 spectators bidding on everything from commuter buses to computer docking stations. Viewing and bidder registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Bidding will commence at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity, so don't delay! To see a list of the items to be auctioned, visit www.obenaufauctions.com.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT WATER COMMISSION LUNCHEON

The author of The Blue Death, Dr. Robert Morris, will be speaking at the DuPage Water Commission Luncheon on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at Bobak's Signature Events and Conference Center at Seven Bridges (6440 Double Eagle Drive, Woodridge). Dr. Morris is an environmental epidemiologist and a leading researcher in the field of drinking water and health. His book reveals the natural and man-made hazards present in our drinking water. The cost of the event is free. RSVP to (630) 516-1950 or luncheon@dpwc.org.

GREEN WORKSHOPS AND TOURS

S.C.A.R.C.E., School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education, is offering four free Green Building Workshops and Tours for municipal officials and staff. The scheduled workshops are Thursday, September 25, Tuesday, September 30, Wednesday, October 8 and Thursday, October 16. Each of the workshops begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. To register, visit www.s-c-a-r-c-e.org or call **Kris Salmen** at (630) 545-9710.

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GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, SOLD!

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WORKSHOP : HOW TO START SPREADING THE NEWS

Learn the best methods for disseminating information to residents at the *Start Spreading the News* workshop, hosted by DMMC, on Friday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Addison Village Hall. Dr. Martin Berman, Director of Academic Affairs for the University of Phoenix, will facilitate this hands-on workshop. Attendees will actively participate in the development of strategies to implement back at the office. For more information or to register, contact **Kim Sumner**, Member Services and Communications Manager, at ksumner@dmmc-cog.org.

CMAP TO PRESENT AT CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

Join us at the October Conference Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton. This month's presentation will be CMAP's *Go To 2040 Partnership Program*. As a *Go To 2040* partner, municipalities and organizations will have the opportunity to make sure their voices are heard during the regional comprehensive planning process. To RSVP, contact **Mary Ann Jurevich**, Events Planner, at (630) 571-0480. Or, download the invitation from our website www.dmmc-cog.org.

Share in a community conversation sponsored by *Go To 2040* on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at the Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss Street, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact **Diana Torres** at CMAP at (312) 386-8774.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

DMMC Fall Auction

9:00 a.m.

Cypress Cove Aquatic Center
Woodridge

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Conference Business Meeting

Program: CMAP Go To 2040

Partnership Program

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cantigny Golf Club
Wheaton

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

DMMC Workshop:

Start Spreading the News

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Addison Village Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Conference Business Meeting

Program: O'Hare Western

Access

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn
Itasca

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 -

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**Conference Office Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday**

DMMC MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR AWARDS

The International City/County Management Agency announced its 2008 Annual Award recipients. Among those nominated were Woodridge Village Administrator **John Perry** for Career Excellence; **Schaumburg** for Community Health and Safety Program Excellence and Strategic Leadership and Governance Program Excellence for populations 50,000 and greater and **Lombard** for Strategic Leadership and Governance Program Excellence for populations 10,000 to 49,999. Also recognized for years of service were Carol Stream Village Manager **Joe Breinig** (25 years), Oak Brook Village Manager **David Niemeyer** (25 years), and Willowbrook Village Administrator **Phil Modaff** (20 years).

RAILROAD SAFETY GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Railroad Safety Section of the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Federal Railroad Administration have announced the availability of grants to implement railroad safety education and enforcement programs. Proposals must be designed to enhance compliance with motor vehicle laws pertaining to highway-rail grade crossing safety and trespass prevention. An application for the PEERS Phase 5 grants, and a report of previous grants, is located at www.icc.illinois.gov/railroad/PEERS.aspx. The deadline for applications is October 31. For more information, contact **Steve Laffey** at slaffey@icc.illinois.gov.

MUNICIPAL TUNEUP WORKSHOP

A Municipal Tuneup Workshop for elected officials and municipal staff will be held on Thursday, October 30, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grayslake Village Hall. Information on risk management for special events, Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, licenses, and more will be presented by the law firm of Zukowski, Rogers, Flood and McArdle. Please RSVP to **Chris Gentes**, Executive Director of the Lake County Municipal League, at (847) 270-3126 by Wednesday, October 22.

MMC HOUSING COMMITTEE TO FEATURE NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Housing Committee's October meeting will feature Addison's Henry J. Hyde Neighborhood Resource Center and show how resource centers fit into the village's overall vision for neighborhood outreach. The meeting will be held at the Resource Center, 199 Michael Lane, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15. Lunch will be provided. All mayors, managers and municipal staff wishing to attend should contact **Tam Kutzmark**, Transportation and Planning Director, at tkutzmark@dmmc-cog.org.

NEW METHODS FOR DE-ICING STREETS

The APWA and DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup are hosting a De-Icing Program Seminar on Thursday, October 16 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Oak Meadows Golf and Banquet (900 N. Wood Dale Road, Addison). Learn about new de-icing methods, NPDES water quality goals, and best management practice alternatives for reducing chlorides and costs as we head into snow fighting season. Hot breakfast and a mid-morning coffee break are included. The cost is \$50 for APWA/DRSCW members and \$55 for non-members. For more information or to register, contact **Jorge Cruz**, Village of Wilmette Engineering Department, at (847) 853-7623.



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WESTERN ACCESS TO O'HARE TO BE TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

A status update will be given on the Elgin O'Hare-West Bypass Project at the November Conference Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Itasca, 860 W. Irving Park Road. Lead Project Manager for the Elgin O'Hare-West Bypass Project, **Pete Harmet**, will provide an update on the status and schedule of the phase one Environmental Impact Statement. In addition, officials from DuPage County's Western O'Hare Corridor Implementation Team will give a brief overview of the economic development opportunities for DuPage County as a result of western access to O'Hare Airport. To register, download the invitation at www.dmmc-cog.org or contact **Mary Ann Jurevich**, Events Planner, at (630) 571-0480.

DMMC PROUD OF AUCTION RESULTS

On October 11, 100 items were auctioned off at the DMMC Fall Auction which took place at the Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Center in Woodridge. Over 150 participants showed up to bid and purchase the items, which were observed as selling for more at the auction than they would have on eBay! Participating in the auction were the member communities of: **Bloomingtondale, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn, Hinsdale, Oakbrook Terrace, Warrenville, and Woodridge**. A big thank you to all the towns, park districts, school districts and communities that participated in this successful event.

RALLY SHOWS SUPPORT FOR WIND TURBINES

Over 80 people attended the Wind Turbine Alliance Rally for HB 6660 held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Included in the crowd were **Congressman Peter Roskam, Representative Franco Coladipietro, Senator Michael Noland, Representative Randy Ramey Jr., Representative Fred Crespo and Mayor Rodney Craig** of Hanover Park. The Wind Turbine Alliance is working to provide clean, sustainable energy to schools by forming a consortium of public entities supporting the use of wind turbines located in Central Illinois. The Alliance also seeks to educate students about taking care of the environment and leaving a smaller carbon footprint in the process.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Training Opportunity: Start Spreading the News

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Addison Village Hall

1 Friendship Plaza, Addison

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Conference Business Meeting

Program: Update on Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass Project

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn

860 W. Irving Park Road, Itasca

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Annual Legislative Dinner

Location to be determined

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 -

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

Springfield Drive Down

There will be no Conference Business Meeting in December. Happy Holidays!

The Conference will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28.

The Conference will also be closed for Christmas on Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25.

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\$4 MILLION RECOMMENDED FOR DUPAGE TRANSIT PROJECTS

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board of Directors approved the recommended program of 43 planning, operating, and capital transit projects. The projects are located throughout the six county RTA service region. The program is intended to allocate a total of \$18 million in federal, state, and RTA funding to support innovative projects to increase transit usage and provide multi-modal connections. In DuPage, over \$4 million was approved, including the following projects:

- DuPage Area Transit Plan
- DuPage Local Circulators
- I-355 Corridor Development Project
- I-55 Corridor Enhancement Project
- Pace I-355 Express Bus
- Ride DuPage to Work
- St. Charles Circulator Feasibility Study
- Hinsdale Greater Downtown TOD Plan
- Schaumburg Transit Service Assessment

CMAP COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is inviting the public to a community conversation at the Elmhurst Public Library on Monday, November 17, 2008. Sessions will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. CMAP is holding these community conversations to gather feedback from residents about preference for preserving and enhancing the region's quality of life. To register, contact the Elmhurst Public Library at (630) 279-8696. For more information on CMAP, contact **Diana Torres** at (312) 386-8774.

BEETS: NEW REPLACEMENT FOR ROAD SALT?

With the rise in road salt costs some DuPage communities will be looking toward alternatives. This winter Wheaton will be testing Geomelt, a mixture of beet juice and salt, to treat the streets. In addition to being environmentally friendly and less corrosive to metal, Geomelt is effective up to 30 degrees below zero when combined with calcium chloride. City officials hope to save more than \$100,000 by reducing the reliance on salt.

RECAP OF AG ROAD SALT MEETING

On November 10, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan held a meeting with municipal officials to review the results of her investigation into the bid results for rock salt. Here is a brief summary of the discussion:

- A preliminary, informal investigation by the AG's Antitrust Bureau shows no evidence of bid rigging or price fixing on behalf of the suppliers. They have not yet ruled out the possibility that bid rigging has occurred, but the investigation has moved into a more formal phase with subpoenas that ask salt suppliers to respond to interrogatories under oath. The AG will wait to decide whether there were any antitrust violations after reviewing the interrogatory responses.
- The AG's office has focused much attention on Central Management Services and the bid process itself. While not accusing CMS of anything, AG staff suggested that the higher pricing CMS received is largely due to the fact that several other "Mississippi River" states went to bid earlier this year while CMS conducted its bid process at its usual time in July. As a result, an already depleted inventory of salt was reduced even further when Illinois went to bid.
- State Representative Ed Sullivan has introduced a resolution calling for the IL Auditor General to investigate the bid process. This investigation could identify needed changes in the bid policy to ensure this situation is not repeated in the future.

The AG's office said it would be helpful if municipalities which have had correspondence or conversations with CMS to forward copies to **Carl Bergetz** at (312) 814-5194 or cbergetz@atg.state.il.us.

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