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City-School Collaborative Partnership Receives Program Excellence Award from International City/County Management Association

July 16, 2014 - The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has selected Norwalk's City-School Collaborative Partnership as a recipient of the 2014 ICMA Community Partnership Program Excellence Award. ICMA's Community Partnership Program Excellence Award recognizes the programs or processes that demonstrate innovation, excellence, and success in multi-participant involvement between or among a local government and other governmental entities, private sector businesses, individuals, or nonprofit agencies to improve the quality of life for residents or provide more efficient and effective services.

"The City has been working with the School District on a variety of projects for a number of years. The ability to lay a foundation of collaboration and continue to build on it benefits all of the residents of the community. We recognize that the taxpayer for city services is the same person paying taxes for school services and the more efficient we can become by working together, the more we can do for the community," said Tom Phillips, Mayor. "I am thrilled to have Norwalk recognized for these efforts."

The City of Norwalk and the Norwalk Community School District collaborate on a number of items, including building a joint maintenance facility and partnering on technology, HVAC, and support services.

ICMA's Local Government Excellence Awards program honor creative contributions to professional local government management and increases public awareness of the value of professional management to the quality of life in our communities. Nominations are reviewed and selected by an independent panel of 17 U.S. and international ICMA members. In addition to a program's overall creativity and/or innovation, the panel considers program scope, importance, effectiveness measurements and community engagement. Nominations are reviewed in three population categories: 9,999 and smaller; 10,000 to 49,999; and 50,000 and greater.

ICMA will recognize the City's program through several activities that will take place in conjunction with the 100th Annual Conference in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County, NC, September 14-17.

Founded in 1914, ICMA advances professional local government worldwide. Its mission and vision is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional management to build sustainable communities that improve people's 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's primary audiences are the professional city, town, and county managers who are appointed by elected officials to oversee the day-to-day operation of our communities.

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About Norwalk, IA

Settled in 1846 and incorporated in 1900, Norwalk has grown to nearly 10,000 residents. Norwalk is located in

Southern Polk and Northern Warren Counties and just south of the Des Moines International Airport and Highway 5 bypass. Business Week awarded Norwalk with the distinction of being the 2010 Best Affordable Suburb.
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