



The Village of Glenview

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GLENVIEW IS A 2012 INNOVATION AWARD WINNER

April 18, 2012 – The prestigious Alliance for Innovation has recognized the Village of Glenview for its Municipal Partnering Initiative.

The awards were announced today at the 2012 Transforming Local Government Conference in Kansas City, where Glenview officials had already been scheduled to make an Innovation Study presentation about the program.

Innovation Awards are chosen from the more than 70 applications received by a multi-member Selection Committee consisting of city and county managers from across the U.S., Arizona State University faculty and Alliance staff. The Selection Committee looks for local governments that have shown a dedication to stretching and improving the boundaries of day-to-day government operations and practices, implementing creative business processes and improving the civic health of the community.

Glenview was honored with an Outstanding Achievement in Innovation Award, one of nine municipalities to receive the award this year.

Launched in 2010, the Municipal Partnering Initiative sought to creatively approach how municipalities deliver services, with the goal of saving taxpayer money.

It brings together the staffs of two dozen Chicago-area communities for a strategic, coordinated bidding effort on routine work all of them contract for. Those services include: roadway resurfacing, roadway crack sealing, water pipe leak detection, sewer relining, fire hydrant painting, water meter testing, sewer televising and emergency contractor assistance.

By entering into joint contracts, the municipalities together can achieve significant savings through economics of scale. In 2011, the communities jointly realized savings of between \$389,500 and \$529,500 when compared to individual pricing from the prior year. As well, the administrators have the option of doing additional work planned for future years with the money saved.

Not only are vendors open to negotiating to get expanded business, but municipal staffs are learning best practices from each other. As jurisdictional barriers are set aside, the interest of taxpayers can come first.

“This award recognizes not only Glenview but all the municipalities whose staffs have worked to put bid packages together,” Glenview Village President Kerry Cummings said. “Creative ideas like the Municipal Partnering Initiative can work because of the commitment to regional cooperation shown by Glenview and its partner municipalities.”

Communities that are participating in the Municipal Partnering Initiative include: Morton Grove, Wilmette, Winnetka, Buffalo Grove, Evanston, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire, Skokie, Clarendon Hills, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Vernon Hills, Cary, Grayslake, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Northfield, Wheeling, Arlington Heights, Park Ridge, North Chicago and the Glenview Park District.

More on the Alliance for Innovation can be found online at transformingov.org.

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