Luncheon Presentation on Friday, November 11, 2011

All award finalists should plan to travel to Phoenix to be honored at the luncheon presentation where the winner will be announced.

Congress of Cities and Exposition
Phoenix, Arizona
November 8 - 12, 2011

Nominations must be received by September 30, 2011.
Program Overview
The National League of Cities’ (NLC) Women in Municipal Government (WIMG) constituency group again launches its leadership award recognizing female municipal officials for unique and outstanding leadership in local government. Each year, a winner will be recognized for individual achievement in initiating creative and successful programs in municipal government that help citizens, particularly if the leadership serves as a specific mentoring model for future female leaders. The WIMG Leadership Award promotes the increased representation of women in local government and is designed to encourage more women to run for elected municipal office.

Seeking Nominations
The WIMG Leadership Award is available to all NLC female elected officials. The nominee is not required to be a member of the Women in Municipal Government constituency group. A panel of judges representing WIMG and NLC members, private industry representatives, and civic leaders will determine the finalists and the winner of the award. Current members of the WIMG Board of Directors and WIMG Advisory Council are not eligible to be nominated for the award.

Award Presentation
Finalists for the award will be announced in advance of the NLC Congress of Cities in Phoenix, Arizona. The winner will be announced and honored along with the other finalists during the annual WIMG Luncheon and Membership Meeting on Friday, November 11. All award finalists should plan to travel to Phoenix to be present for the award presentation at approximately 1:00 p.m. Lunch starts at 12:30 p.m. All award nominees and finalists are advised to pay their WIMG dues and fees (which include the luncheon ticket) or purchase their separate luncheon tickets for themselves and registered delegate guests in advance of the luncheon event. There will be national media coverage of this event along with photos and news features about the award presentation in NLC’s Nation’s Cities Weekly newspaper and on the NLC website at www.nlc.org.

Award Sponsors

Women in Municipal Government and the National League of Cities gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the following corporations for their sponsorship of the Women in Municipal Government Leadership Award.

ICMA-RC is an independent financial services corporation focused on the retirement savings needs of the public sector. It serves more than 920,000 public employees and approximately 9,000 retirement plans. ICMA-RC’s mission is to help build retirement security for public employees by providing investment tools, financial education, and other retirement-related services. The corporation also works to ease the administrative responsibility of local, city, and state governments that offer these benefits to their employees.

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Comcast Corporation is one of the nation’s leading providers of cable, entertainment and communication products and services, with 22.9 million video customers, 16.7 million high-speed Internet customers and 8.4 million Comcast Digital Voice customers. Comcast is principally involved in the development, management and operation of cable networks and in the delivery of programming content.
Nomination Criteria

♦ Nominee must be a female elected official who has demonstrated excellence in leadership and worked to help other individuals strive to achieve similar goals.

♦ Nominee must be a female elected official who has been actively involved with the National League of Cities or a state municipal league.

♦ Nominee must be a local elected female official from an NLC member city.

♦ Nominee must have served in a municipal elected office for at least two years.

♦ Nominee must be nominated by a colleague, constituent, or organization.

♦ Nominee must have a completed nomination form submitted to NLC by September 30, 2011, and nominee and nominator must review, sign and date the nomination form.

♦ Nominee must be in a municipal elected office through December 31, 2011. Members of the WIMG Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated.

About Women in Municipal Government

Women in Municipal Government was established in 1974 to serve as a forum for communication, networking and information sharing for female municipal officials and their colleagues around the nation. It strives to raise awareness about issues of concern to female leaders and encourages women to seek public office in their communities. Over the years, WIMG has ensured that women hold leadership positions within NLC. It has successfully forged a prominent role for women in the development of NLC’s National Municipal Policy. WIMG is governed by a Board of Directors which is elected annually at the NLC Congress of Cities. It also convenes an annual WIMG Summer Conference and Board of Directors Meeting to focus on policy and advocacy issues in various municipalities around the country. Among its programs, WIMG hosts annual membership luncheons with prominent keynote speakers at the NLC Congressional City Conference in March and the Congress of Cities. These events are open to all NLC conference delegates. More information about WIMG can be obtained from NLC’s website at www.nlc.org under the Inside NLC heading.

About the National League of Cities

The National League of Cities is the nation’s oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, and the 49 state municipal leagues, representing more than 218 million Americans.
Nomination Statement

A Nomination Statement should address the information outlined below. Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of judges that will include individuals from the National League of Cities and Women in Municipal Government membership, private industry and civic leadership.

Nomination Submission

The Nomination Statement should:

♦ Be submitted as an attachment to the Nomination Form.


♦ Nominations will not be eligible for consideration if submissions include back-up materials, such as resumes, notebooks, or lengthy additional materials.

♦ Nominees should be nominated by one individual only. Both nominee and nominator should sign the nomination form.

♦ Nominations will not be eligible for consideration if submissions do not follow these criteria.

Content for the Nomination Statement

1. Include a statement that explains why the nominee is an exceptional leader and should receive the WIMG Leadership Award.

2. Include information that provides insights into the nominee’s unique municipal accomplishments. Give examples with correlating time frames (years or months) that demonstrate the nominee’s extraordinary success in bringing about innovative programs to the community and include any specific challenges that have been addressed that shows how the nominee has made a difference in terms of leadership in the municipality and with colleagues and constituents.

3. Please indicate if the nominee has served in a leadership role with the National League of Cities or a state municipal league and indicate how long the nominee has been active in NLC or the state municipal league.

4. Please describe how the nominee has served as an excellent mentor to individuals in the community.

5. Please describe the outstanding contributions of the nominee that have helped other women become involved in community, government or civic leadership.

6. At the end of the statement, please describe in no more than three sentences, why the nominee should become the winner of the award based her accomplishments.

The nomination form may be sent via e-mail, fax, regular mail, or express mail.

E-mail the nomination form to: ramirez@nlc.org, with subject line: “WIMG Leadership Award Nomination” or fax to (202) 626-3103 to Brenda Ramirez.

Or send the nomination form via mail to:
WIMG LEADERSHIP AWARD Box WLA
Women in Municipal Government/National League of Cities
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC 20004.

For questions or for an e-mail MS Word version of this form, call Brenda Ramirez at NLC at (202) 626-3041.

Nomination Form and Attached Statement must be received at NLC by September 30, 2011.
ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nomination Form and Attached Nomination Statement
Due September 30, 2011

This section to be completed by nominee (award candidate).

NOMINEE Name:_______________________________________________
Title:_________________________________________Municipality:_________________________________________________
Address:___________________________________________________________________________________________________
Municipality/State/Zip Code:__________________________________________________________________________________
Phone/Fax/E-mail: (____) _______________/ (____) ___________________ /__________________________________________
Cell Phone (required for notification of award status): ____________________________________________________________
NLC Member City Since: __________________ Municipal Web Site Address:________________________________________

To be eligible for nomination, the nominee’s city must be a member of NLC. If it is not a member, but there is interest in applying for
or learning more about membership, contact NLC’s Membership and Marketing Office at (202) 626-3100 or send an e-mail to:
memberservices@nlc.org.

Will you be attending and be registered for the upcoming NLC Phoenix Congress of Cities,
November 8–12, and be present at the Women in Municipal Government Luncheon on Friday, November 11, at
approximately 12:30 p.m. to accept the award if you are one of the finalists?
Yes ____ No ____

If you are not already registered for the Congress of Cities in Phoenix, November 8–12, can you be present at the Friday, No-
vember 11 award luncheon if selected as a finalist in the award program?
Yes ____ No ____

Will you be in municipal elected office through December 31, 2011?
Yes ____ No ____

If you are planning to attend and be registered for the NLC Congress of Cities, please remember to check off and pay your WiMG
combined dues/fees or pay for your single luncheon ticket for attendance at the luncheon on the NLC conference registration form. If
you have already registered, you may pay for your luncheon ticket on-site at the conference. If you would like for any registered con-
ference delegates to accompany you to the luncheon, please advise them to purchase a luncheon ticket in advance or on-site at the
conference. All luncheon attendees must be registered for Congress of Cities and have purchased a ticket for the luncheon.
_____ Yes, I will plan to purchase my luncheon ticket.

How long have you served as an elected official in the municipality? ________________________________________________
Nominee Signature:________________________________________________ Date:______________________________

This section to be completed by the nominator of award candidate.

NOMINATED BY (Name/Relationship to Nominee:)
Municipality or Organization and Title:______________________________________________________________
Address:________________________________________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip Code:____________________________________________________________________________________
Phone/Fax/E-mail: (___) ___________________/ (___) ___________________/ _______________________________________
Cell Phone (required for notification of award status): ___________________________________________________________
Nominator Signature:________________________________________________ Date:______________________________
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