

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Policy Issue White Paper: *GASB Pronouncements and Local Government Management*

The **International City/County Management Association (ICMA)**, through its Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee (GAPC), is seeking proposals for a policy white paper: "*GASB Pronouncements and Local Government Management*."

As the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issues pronouncements and standards on a range of topics, from pension accounting to assessing liabilities associated with the provision of retiree health care, this white paper aims to answer the following questions:

Regarding the different pronouncements and standards that GASB has issued during the last decade,

- Do they add cost to running local government?
- If yes, do they provide a benefit that outweighs the cost?
- Have GASB pronouncements and standards affected the way local governments are managed?
- Are GASB's outreach efforts to local governments effective? Are there additional/alternative ways for GASB to improve engagement with local government managers?
- Is the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) an effective avenue for local governments to provide feedback to GASB? What changes, if any, could be made in GASAC to improve its effectiveness?

ICMA is the premier local government leadership and management organization. Its mission is to create excellence in local governance by advocating and developing the professional management of local government worldwide.

This white paper will become a part of an ongoing series designed to (1) explore key policy issues from a local government management perspective; (2) raise new ideas and perspectives that will influence and shape public policy discussions at the local, state, and federal levels; and (3) support federal advocacy on behalf of counties, cities and towns.

Process for Developing the White Paper:

ICMA's GAPC will supervise development of the paper by providing feedback on drafts, ensuring that key issues are addressed, and advising on management perspectives. The final paper should be no more than 15-20 pages in length and must be completed by September 2013.

Budget:

ICMA will pay a \$5,000 stipend to the selected author. Authorship of this paper will provide national exposure on a major policy issue.

Proposal Requirements:

All proposals must be submitted no later than February 28, 2013 to: Joshua Franzel, ICMA, jfranzel@icma.org. Proposals should be no longer than two pages and should describe:

1. Your overall approach to the paper including what you see as the main components/sections of the final paper, expressed in an outline of the paper.
2. Your academic preparation and experience with this issue including references to any previous publications or research that is relevant to this project.
3. Why you believe you are uniquely qualified to prepare this paper and ensure that it meets ICMA's goals.