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TO: New Local Government Professionals

Subject: Starting Networking Tips from the Senior Advisors

Congratulations on your new local government job in Maine as a town, city or county manager, administrator, assistant or interim manager. You have chosen to work in, and been selected for a position, in a great state. There is a large network of colleagues in the Maine Town, City and County Management Association (MTCMA) that can assist you with information requests, problem solving and act as a friendly listener during stressful times that come with the job.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

1. Meet your colleagues in surrounding towns in your county. Many are active in county or regional associations. They know the officials and area legislators/regulators and interact with the same people.
2. Join MTCMA that offers excellent workshops, the annual New England Managers Institute in August, many professional and social opportunities and hosts the annual interchange usually held in February or March. All offer training in current topics of concern and chances to interface with colleagues. The MTCMA list serve is a great contact and referral service.
3. MTCMA is the state affiliate of ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, and the ability to join ICMA and participate in the many ICMA programs and conferences, including the annual conference each fall, can bring many continuing professional benefits.
4. Almost all Maine cities and towns belong to MMA, the Maine Municipal Association in Augusta, and they offer many excellent seminars and training programs including the annual MMA Conference each October.
5. Attached are lists of current MTCMA officers and board members, and a list of senior advisors and Ambassadors for your use. Senior advisors are retired managers still interested in the profession with many years of practical experience. MTCMA Ambassadors are appointed by the Board to be resources for their outstanding careers and experience in local government, and can be retired or still working Please contact us by email or by phone.

Good luck as you navigate through city management. Don't be a stranger!

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