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Website Design & Hosting Solution

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Company Overview

CivicPlus History

CivicPlus began in 1998 when our founder, Ward Morgan, decided to focus on helping local governments work better and engage their residents through their web environment. Over the years, CivicPlus has continued to implement new technologies and merge with industry forerunners to maintain the highest standards of excellence and efficiency for our customers.



Our portfolio includes solutions for website design and hosting, parks and recreation management, emergency and mass communications, agenda and meeting management, 311 and CRM, process automation and digital services, codification, licensing and permits, web governance and ADA remediation, social media archiving, and FOIA management.

EXPERIENCE

25+ Years

10,000+ Customers

850+ Employees

RECOGNITION

Inc. 5000 11-time Honoree

GovTech 2024 Top 100 Company

Stevie® Awards Recognized with multiple, global awards for sales and customer service excellence

Our commitment to deliver the right solutions in design and development, end-user satisfaction, and secure hosting has been instrumental in making us a leader in government web technology. We are proud to have earned the trust of our over 10,000 customers and their 100,000+ administrative users. In addition, over 340 million residents engage with our solutions daily.

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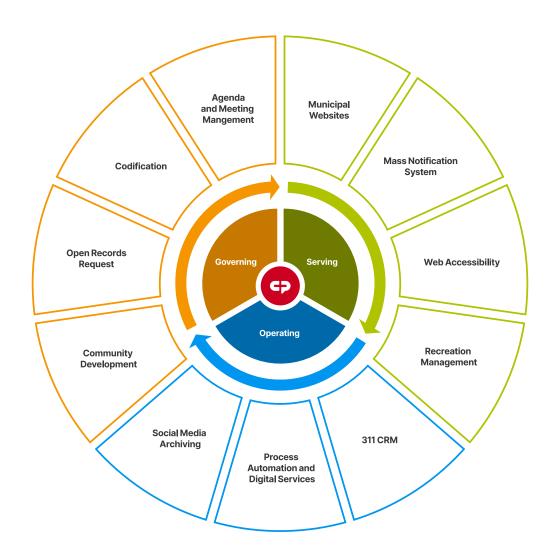


Powering & Empowering Government

We empower municipal leaders to transform interactions between residents and government into consistently positive experiences that elevate resident satisfaction, increase revenue, and streamline operations.

Government leaders tell us that one of their most pressing needs is to improve how residents access and experience municipal services; however, they struggle with budget cutbacks and technology constraints. CivicPlus enables civic leaders to solve these problems, making consistently positive interactions between residents and government possible.

What sets us apart is our Civic Experience Platform. CivicPlus is the only government technology company exclusively committed to powering and empowering governments to efficiently operate, serve, and govern using our innovative and integrated technology solutions built and supported by former municipal leaders and award-winning support teams. With it, municipalities increase revenue and operate more efficiently while fostering trust among residents.



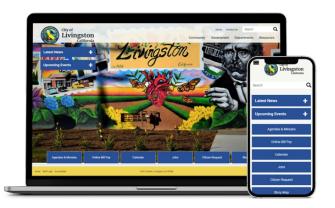
Premium Designs

The included design portfolio will provide you with an idea of the different directions we can take your creative design. Your art director will work with you to understand your municipality's needs and style.

Our Premium Designs are ideal for communities that want a professional, mobile-friendly design without the added expense of extensive custom design work. A Premium Design offers all the same features and functionality; any differences are website design related. Premium designs have fewer custom design elements, such as a non-scrolling site element, while still retaining enough design elements to make the site yours. Customize your logo, color palette menu, quick link layouts, and background images.



Hooper City, Utah hoopercity.com



Livingston, California cityoflivingston.org



Arkansas City, Kansas arkcity.org



Ultimate Designs

An Ultimate design allows you to start with a blank slate and provide optimal flexibility and design options for your new website. It is offered in both a scrolling and non-scrolling format. You will work with our designer to build a layout that uses our extensive widget library and add styling to give the site a unique look that fits your municipality.



Clatsop County, Oregon co.clatsop.or.us



Mission Springs Water District, California <u>mswd.org</u>



Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan saultcity.com



Eaton, Colorado eatonco.org



Kenai, Alaska kenai.city



Wilsonville, Oregon ci.wilsonville.or.us



Leavenworth, Kansas leavenworthks.org



Royal Palm Beach, Florida royalpalmbeach.com



Saxman, Alaska cityofsaxman.com



Red Lodge, Montana cityofredlodge.net



CMS Features & Functionality

Our Municipal Websites Open are built using a CMS specifically for local governments and offers full feature sets for all your department's needs. Using CivicPlus for your website provides an excellent experience for both your staff and residents in the community. Granular permissions can allow each department to easily edit content and manage their residents' interactions.



We have the solution to the challenges you face with full feature sets for all your department needs!



CivicPlus Website Features

WEBSITE DESIGN TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

Stunning Design – A professional art director will work closely with you to design a website that fits your municipality's style and needs.

Intuitive Site Navigation - Main navigation menu, via a mega menu or drop-down, keeps it simple to get to any page.

Image Displays - Interactive widgets that include photos and videos to showcase your community.



Unlimited Number of Department Specific Pages (microsite) – A page specifically for an individual department/board that can automatically display department-specific information in the sidebar of your pages. This allows categorization and filtering by department and allows permissions to be department based.

Site Within a Site (subsite) – Add-on that allows any department/board or page to have an entirely different look and feel to match your department's style, while still being part of the same website and using the same backend CMS.

HOSTING, SECURITY, & REPORTING

Domain Management - CivicPlus can provide full-service domain hosting.

Secure Site Gateway - Every website receives an SSL certificate for your peace of mind.

Secure Login - Optimal security is available through Microsoft's Identity Server.

Single Sign On (SSO) - Ability to log into multiple CivicPlus products with the same login credentials.



Custom Identity Provider (IdP) – A custom IdP is available as an addon through Azure AD, Okta, and ADFS.

CAPTCHA Secure – The CMS uses CAPTCHA technology to restrict auto-generated submissions.

Data Ownership - Customers always own the rights to all their data.

Audit Trail/History Logs – The CMS captures and stores a complete history of content postings.

Analytics and Reporting – Google Analytics provide web analytics and other reporting is available such as a broken links report.

MODULES THAT PROVIDE TRANSPARENT INFORMATION ON YOUR SITE

Advanced Calendaring – Create meetings and events to be displayed in calendars throughout your website. Residents can easily use our calendars with custom filters, multiple event views, and export capabilities.

Meetings and Agendas – Manually post meetings and agendas on the website with a built-in module. For advanced functionality, including automated agenda and packet generation and live meeting management, our integrated Agenda and Meeting Management product is available as an add-on.

Advanced Search in Your Website – Quickly search all pages and uploaded files across the website. Department-specific search options are also available.

News & Announcements – Display the most recent news on your home page or department pages.

FAQs – Easily show your most frequently asked questions and their corresponding answers.

Important Alerts – Prominently display urgent messages on the home page and/or department home pages to notify residents of time-sensitive information, such as closings or inclement weather warnings.

Document Center - Staff can upload and manage documents in one central repository.

Image Library – Store all your photos and graphical images in one central location for access by all applicable staff.



Staff Directory – Manage staff names and contact information in one central repository, and easily display applicable staff members on various pages.

Business Directory – As an optional add-on, this feature lists information about businesses within your community by category; businesses can also submit their information on a form to be approved by your staff before publishing.

Embedded Videos & iFrames - Embed Vimeo or YouTube videos or iFrame in third-party partners on any page.

Dynamic Site Map – Sitemap configuration that search engines can easily consume.

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT TOOLS

Unlimited Email Subscriptions/Notifications – Allow residents to subscribe and receive email alerts for new website posts that interest them.

SMS Subscriptions/Notifications – This add-on feature allows residents to subscribe and receive SMS text messages for new website posts they're interested in.

RSS Feeds - RSS feeds are available for department updates, news, and urgent alerts.

TOOLS FOR RESIDENTS TO DO BUSINESS ONLINE

Requests, Feedback, and Submissions from Residents via Web Forms – Our fully customizable web forms allow for a variety of resident interaction. Form submissions can be automatically routed to a specific person or department. Common uses cases of our custom web forms include:

- Service Requests
- Contact Us
- Surveys and Polling
- Applications
- · Suggestions, Complaints, and Tips

Interactive Maps - Provide a graphical representation of location-specific information shown on a map.

Job Postings and Applicants – Staff can post job openings, allowing residents to browse available jobs online and apply through an online form submission.

Payments – Citizens can make payments online through CivicPlus Pay (add-on) or you can iFrame or link out to another third-party payment system.

CONVENIENT ACCESS FROM ANY DEVICE

Responsive Design / Mobile Support – Your website design will be built to automatically adjust and scale so that it works well on all devices regardless of screen size, including wide screen monitors, tablets, and mobile devices.





INTUITIVE & EASY TO USE

Intuitive CMS - Easiest website editing with only a few clicks that's intuitive for even non-technical users.

Text and Image Editors – One WYSIWYG editor interface, similar to Microsoft Word, for all types of content, as well as an image editor to adjust focal points on photos.

Previewing – Edit pages to your liking before publishing to the live website.

Scheduling Options – Schedule content to automatically publish and unpublish on your site at a specific date and time.

Social Media Integrations – Quickly auto-post to Twitter and Facebook while you're adding content, news, or alerts to your website. Conversely, we often use iFrames to display your Twitter and/or Facebook feeds right on your website page. Our web pages also come equipped with built-in YouTube video players.

Versioning – All previous versions of pages are saved online, allowing you to view or re-publish at any time.

Google Translate – Translate content on your site to multiple languages, utilizing Google Translate, for ease of use for all residents.

Easy to Use Forms Builder – Feature-rich webform builder available for simple and advanced tasks, that when submitted can be routed to the appropriate people.



Content Efficiencies – Create and manage content once and have it display multiple places.

Tags/Views – All files can be easily found through filters of tags on items such as documents and images.

GRANULAR PERMISSIONS TO MATCH YOUR PROCESSES

Roles & Permissions – User accounts are assigned a role, granting the users specific levels of permissions within the CMS.

Department Specific Permissions – Permissions can be set so individuals have access to edit their own department's content (or multiple departments) without having to rely on an IT director or Administrator to make website changes for them.

Menu Manager – Department users can manage their own sub-menus, and advanced users control primary navigation and homepage components.

Private Page Permissions – Easily create private pages that are password protected with a log-in, for internal use.

Unlimited Users and Pages - Customers can add unlimited staff users and create unlimited pages to their website.



ADA COMPLIANCE

Start Compliant - The CivicPlus implementation team builds websites that are ADA WCAG 2.0 compliant.

Stay Compliant – Tools are built into the system to reduce the chances of violating ADA compliance guidelines, such as requiring an Alt Tag on photos that are uploaded. We offer our Monsido Web Governance program to provide a wide array of tools for maintaining the quality, ADA compliance, internal policy compliance, and optimal functionality of your site. And as a partner program, we can include AudioEye for automatic ADA remediation at a discounted rate.

Your CivicPlus Website Can Expand and Grow with Your Ever-Changing Needs

- Your new website will be built on the trusted Drupal platform.
- Full functionality is available with an unlimited number of uses to meet your needs now and in the future.
- Integration with CivicPlus product suites for many additional benefits. For example:
 - SSO, email notifications, text notifications (add-on), and a resident portal.
 - Access to add-on other integrated CivicPlus products such as service request, FOIA, social media archives, or mass emergency notification software.
- Free regular group trainings to continuously keep new staff trained.



Implementation

Project Timeline

Design creation, accessibility, usability guidance, content optimization, training - CivicPlus delivers all of this and more during the development of your new CivicPlus Municipal Websites Open. Your exact project timeline can vary based on the determined project scope, project enhancements purchased, your availability for meeting coordination, action item return and completion, adherence to approval deadlines, and other factors. Some of the phases listed here can overlap and occur concurrently.

Based on our experience, the estimated timeline for the successful completion of your website project is approximately 10-12 weeks. A finalized schedule will be compiled after we meet with you.

PHASE 1: ANALYZE REQUIREMENTS & REVIEW PLAN	3-4 Weeks	Website AssessmentWebsite Design MeetingProject Manager Meeting
PHASE 2: DESIGN & BUILD	2 Weeks	 Design Concept Creation & Approval (Ultimate designs) Website Setup, Configuration, and Customization
PHASE 3: MIGRATE CONTENT	1-2 Weeks	 Content Finalization & Departmental Review Directory Pages/Staff Directory and Ordinances/Resolutions If purchased: Projects, Commercial/Industrial Properties, Business Directory,
PHASE 4: STAFF TRAINING	2-3 Weeks	 Flexible staff training schedule allows attendance over an extended timeframe, even allows individuals to repeat a session at their direction
PHASE 5: TESTING	1 Week	Functional TestingAcceptance Testing
PHASE 6: GO LIVE	1 Week	Go Live

Approaching Your Project Implementation

Communication & Management

Communication between you and your CivicPlus team will be continuous throughout your project. Sharing input and feedback through email, virtual meetings, phone calls, and our project management software will keep all stakeholders involved and informed.

Cloud Coach offers task management transparency with a multi-level work breakdown structure and Gantt Chart-based project plan. Tasks, deliverables, and milestones are aligned to deliver your website in an optimal timeframe



Cloud Coach utilization, combined with regular check-ins with your project manager, provides ample opportunities to review project progress quickly and efficiently.

Phased Approach

PHASE 1: ANALYZE REQUIREMENTS & REVIEW PLAN

Website Assessment	CivicPlus will analyze your current website(s) to assess the existing navigation, features/functions, and content quality.
Website Design Meeting	CivicPlus will conduct a design meeting with a customer- defined web advisory team. We recommend the advisory team be limited to a maximum of four members who will provide input regarding the overall design of the new website, including the site branding and high-level site navigation. The individual or team will review website version images provided by the designer. Deliverables: Website design specifications (graphic design, information)
Project Manager Meeting	CivicPlus assigns a qualified Project Manager to guide you through the Website Content build-out. They will assist you with determining the content to be migrated or developed. During your initial meeting they will discuss topics such as website menuing, domains & DNS, training approach, and a variety of other related website topics. Deliverables: Customer will develop an overall understanding of how the process will flow right through to Implementation.

PHASE 2: DESIGN & BUILD

Design Concept Creation & Approval (Ultimate Designs)	CivicPlus will complete concepts for the homepage. These concepts will incorporate all the graphical elements and layouts. You will select a concept after a series of iterative design revisions—up to six mockup revisions. You will officially sign-off on the final website design selected once it meets your expectations. Deliverables: Design concepts, Finalized design (Adobe XD)
Website Setup, Configuration, & Customization	CivicPlus will create a fully functional website that includes the elements described in this proposal. CivicPlus will finalize the remaining components within the approved design and navigation as part of the website setup. Deliverables: Functional website setup, Content migration initiated

PHASE 3: MIGRATE CONTENT

Content Finalization & Departmental Review	CivicPlus will migrate all content for your staff to review and finalize before go-live. See the pricing section for the specific number of included pages. Deliverables: Content creation and migration, Homepage and Departmental content review
Directory Pages Staff Directory, Projects, Commercial/Industrial Properties, Business Directory, Ordinances/ Resolutions	Depending upon website options selected and the volume of data CivicPlus may provide you with a custom Microsoft Excel template to complete to allow for auto-importing. Deliverables: Content creation and migration, Departmental content signoff
Agenda & Minutes Migration	The Content Development Team will download, upload, and organize an agreed upon number of meetings to the Agenda Center module.

PHASE 4: STAFF TRAINING

Staff Training

Throughout the development and after launch, you and your team can access on-demand training, resources, and educational opportunities. Our initial training is offered online to administrators and content contributors. Individuals can attend training sessions over 3–4-week period prior to going live. During this time, you have the option of repeating any session as desired. Our flexible scheduling of sessions will make it easier to fit training into your weekly schedule.

Deliverables: Online Training with a Qualified Instructor, Video Conference, Videos and User guides

PHASE 5: TESTING

Functional Testing

CivicPlus will perform a series of tests across multiple browsers and operating system versions to confirm site functionality and all features documented in this proposal.

Deliverables: Complete and Comprehensive Testing

Acceptance Testing

A standard webpage is defined as one that contains a title, body text, and up to five links, file attachments, or images. We will provide a custom quote if you require migration of more complex pages.

Deliverables: Site acceptance by customer

PHASE 6: GO LIVE

Go Live

We will work with you to make the appropriate Domain and DNS entry changes to initiate the process of making the new site available on the internet. Once the website is Live we will transition you to our Technical Support organization for the best post-implementation experience.

Deliverables: Final Website - Live!

M³ Integratable Meetings Management Migration & Server Configuration

Setting You Up for Immediate & Future Public Meetings Success

Systematically and accurately migrate up to five years of meetings PDF documents into your website's Meetings Directory (agendas, packets, minutes). The Meetings Directory, along with the website Calendar, is easy to manage and update within the CMS dashboard. It is also uniquely engineered to seamlessly integrate with the CivicPlus Agenda and Meeting Management solution which further integrates with our Codification solution. It is important to set this up properly on day one for optimal transparency, search, and as a foundation for future meetings management optimization.

Your Role During Implementation

A smooth, on-time deployment is dependent on the customer's participation, providing timely information and approving proofs quickly.

- The customer will make available relevant images, photos, logos, colors, and other branding material as well as an inventory of existing applications, websites,
 - and content at the start of this effort and create new content copy as needed.
- The customer will assign a single point of contact that will be responsible for coordinating the schedules of other project stakeholders.
- The customer will review any deliverables requiring formal approval within five business days and return all comments and issues at or before those five days have elapsed.
- The customer will assign one person who will act as the ultimate decision-maker in the case where consensus among the team cannot be reached.
- The customer must agree to the applicable terms of services for Google-related services such as Google Analytics and Google Maps to access those features. CivicPlus is not responsible for Google's decisions related to discontinuing services or changing current APIs.



Continuing Services

Technical Support & Services

With technology, unlimited support is crucial. Our live technical support engineers based in North America are ready to answer your staff members' questions and ensure their confidence. CivicPlus' support team is available 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CST to assist with any questions or concerns regarding the technical functionality and usage of your new website.

CivicPlus Technical Support will provide a toll-free number as well as an online email support system for users to submit technical issues or questions. Emergency technical support is available 24/7 for designated, named points-of-contact, with members of CivicPlus' support teams available for urgent requests.

Support at a Glance

- Technical support engineers available
 7 a.m. 7 p.m. (CST) Monday Friday
 (excluding holidays)
- · Accessible via phone and email
- 4-hour response during normal hours
- 24/7 emergency technical support for named points of contact
- Dedicated customer success manager
- Online self-service help with the CivicPlus Help Center (civicplus.help)

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AWARD-WINNING

CivicPlus has been honored with two Gold Stevie® Awards, three Silver Stevie® Awards, and seven Bronze Stevie® Awards in the categories of Front-Line Customer Service Team of the Year – Technology Industries, Customer Service Training or Coaching Program of the Year – Technology Industries, Customer Service Department of the Year – Computer Software – Up to 1,000 Employees, Most Valuable Response by a Customer Service Team (COVID-19), Best Customer Satisfaction Strategy, and Remote Customer Service Innovation of the Year. The Stevie Awards are the world's top honors for customer service, contact center, business development, and sales professionals.

CIVICPLUS HELP CENTER

CivicPlus customers have 24/7 access to our online Help Center where users can review articles, user guides, FAQs, and can get tips on best practices. Our Help Center is continually monitored and updated by our dedicated Knowledge Management Team to ensure we are providing the information and resources you need to optimize your solution. In addition, the Help Center provides our release notes to keep your staff informed of upcoming enhancements and maintenance.

CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP

We won't disappear after your website is launched. You'll be assigned a dedicated customer success manager. They will partner with you by providing information on best practices and how to utilize the tools of your new system to most effectively engage your residents.

MAINTENANCE

CivicPlus is responsible for all ongoing maintenance. This includes various security and other patches provided by the greater Drupal community, as well as any module updates provided by the module maintainers. We also provide ongoing development of our CMS with releases of new functionalities and features usually on a quarterly basis.

Hosting & Security

CivicPlus protects your investment and takes hosting and security of our customers' websites sites seriously. Redundant power sources and internet access ensure consistent and stable connections. You'll find that our extensive, industry-leading process and procedures for protecting and hosting your website are unparalleled. From our secure data center facilities to constant and vigilant monitoring and updating of your system, including 99.9% guaranteed up-time (excluding maintenance).

Your new website will be hosted by CivicPlus in conjunction with a third-party managed solution, Acquia, a software as a service provider specializing in the Drupal Platform (acquia.com). Acquia Cloud is built on AWS infrastructure using a High Availability architecture across AWS Availability Zones. The CivicPlus platform is multi-tiered with its load balancers, application, database, and a file system each on separate tiers. Multi-tier infrastructure has resiliency, performance, scalability, and security advantages over a single-tier system. This will allow CivicPlus to maintain greater control over hacking attempts and DDoS attacks and provide an easy pathway for us to implement feature upgrades and service patches.

Your website will be protected by several yearly industry audit certifications. Your infrastructure will also be protected from downtime via horizontal and vertical scaling capabilities that can handle as much traffic as is needed at any time. Please reach out if you would like more information on our audit certifications, infrastructure methodologies, hardware specifications, or any other aspect of the hosting and security of your new website.

Project Costs

Features & Functionality

- CivicPlus Municipal Website
- Unlimited user licenses
- Unlimited staff page creation ability

Implementation

- Premium/Ultimate Design
- Up to 150 pages Content Migration
- Pre-scheduled weekly training sessions allow you to register and attend sessions to fit your schedule

M³ Integratable Meetings Management Migration & Server Configuration

 Migrate up to 5 years of meetings PDFs to Meetings Directory

Annual Recurring Services

- Hosting & Security
- Software maintenance including service patches
 & system enhancements
- 24/7 Technical support
- Free monthly training webinars
- Access to the CivicPlus Help Center with clickthrough tutorials
- Dedicated customer success manager

	Premium Design	Ultimate Design	
One-Time Implementation Fee	No Fee	No Fee	
M³ Integratable Meetings Management Migration & Server Configuration	\$850 One-Time	\$850 One-Time	
Hosting & Support Annual Fee	\$3,795	\$4,758	
	20% Discount on Annual Fees If a CivicPlus Customer for Agenda and Meeting Management AND Codification		
	10% Discount on Annual Fees If a CivicPlus Customer for Agenda and Meeting Management <u>OR</u> Codification		

Optional Enhancements

Optional Items	Cost
Business Directory	\$825 / year
Projects Directory	\$385 / year
Properties Directory	\$385 / year
Parks Directory	\$385 / year
Bids and RFPs	\$220 / year
Specialty Subsites	\$1,650 / year
Website Redesign Every Fourth Year (Ultimate Package Only)	\$825 / year
Chatbot for Residents	\$2,750 / year
Text Messaging (up to 20,000 SMS texts included)	\$550 / year
CivicPlus Pay	\$3,000 one-time \$1,785 / year
Additional Pages of Content Migration (150 pages and 5 years of meetings are migrated as a part of the base price)	\$250 / 50 pages

Specialty Subsite Graphic Designs

We also offer the option of having graphic designs for subsites that require specialized branding. These specialty subsites leverage your content management system and database, enabling the same functionality as your primary website with a unique look and feel.

Montgomery Township, New Jersey - Parks & Recreation Subsite







montgomerynj.gov/parksrec

Morganton, North Carolina - Parks & Recreation Subsite & Downtown Subsite



morgantonnc.gov



morgantonparksandrec.com/parksrec



downtownmorganton.com/main-street



Invoicing Details

- 100% of Year 1 costs upon contract signing.
- Annual recurring Services shall be invoiced on the start date of each Renewal Term.
- Annual Recurring Services shall be subject to a 5% annual increase beginning in Year 2 of service.
- All invoices are due within 30 days of the date of such invoice.

If the payment schedule and terms noted above does not meet your needs, please discuss with us so that we can try to accommodate your goals.

Proposal as Non-Binding Document

A successful project begins with a contract that meets the needs of both parties. This proposal is intended as a non-binding document, and the contents hereof may be superseded by an agreement for services. Its purpose is to provide information on a proposed project we believe will meet your needs based on the information available.

A formal, summarized Statement of Work that delineates your chosen project scope will be provided for your review and final signature.

If awarded the project, CivicPlus reserves the right to negotiate the contractual terms, obligations, covenants, and insurance requirements before a final agreement is reached. We look forward to developing a mutually beneficial contract with you.

Additional Solutions & Services

Our Civic Experience Platform provides a bridge between citizens and governments for positive interactions. We offer the following solutions and services for our customers:

- Meetings and Agenda Management
- Codification (Municode)
- Emergency and Mass Notifications
- Parks and Recreation Management
- 311 and CRM
- Process Automation and Digital Services
- Public Works
- Fire and Life Safety Inspections

- Planning, Permitting, Licensing, and Code Enforcement
- Web Governance and ADA Remediation (ADA Compliance, Quality Assurance, Internal Policy Compliance, Site Functionality Optimization)
- Social Media Archiving
- FOIA Management

Visit our <u>website</u> or reach out to your Account Executive for additional information, a schedule a demo, or to obtain a quote.