FACT SHEET

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE IML ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Illinois Municipal League's (IML) Annual Conference is the premier educational and networking opportunity for all municipal officials and staff in Illinois. Below are a few reasons to join the nearly 2,000 community leaders who attend this conference annually.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The IML Annual Conference is the largest gathering of municipal officials in the State of Illinois. Attendees have the opportunity to meet elected officials and municipal staff statewide, which includes communities of all sizes. These interactions will give you new ideas and new views to take back to your community.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

The IML Annual Conference provides attendees the opportunity to attend more than 60 educational sessions most beneficial to their community through our 14 specially-designed session tracks. Included among the educational sessions are the all-day Municipal Attorneys Seminar and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Seminar, which provide in-depth sessions about TIF and recent legislation. Newly-elected officials will find sessions geared towards those new to municipal office, including sessions to earn the state-mandated Open Meetings Act certificate.

EXHIBIT EXPO

The IML Exhibit Expo brings nearly 150 vendors to meet with in one place. These vendors include state agencies and businesses who deal directly with municipalities, giving you the opportunity to learn about new products that could benefit your city, village or town.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

The highlight of every IML Annual Conference is the Opening General Session, which includes an inspirational keynote address. From Medal of Honor recipients to famous athletes to politicians, attendees will always leave this session feeling motivated to serve and help their community.

HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO

The IML Annual Conference is held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, one of the top conference meeting spaces in the state. The hotel is located on the Chicago Riverwalk and is just minutes from the Magnificent

Mile and Millennium Park, the perfect location to explore the City of Chicago during your free time.

For more information, visit <u>iml.org/conference</u>, or for questions, email <u>IMLConferences@iml.org</u> or call (217) 525-1220.

