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Twenty-One Municipalities Honored for Excellence in Annual Reports at Local Government Center 70th Annual Conference

Concord, NH – Local officials and staff from cities and towns across the state gathered at the Radisson Hotel Manchester on Thursday, November 17, for the New Hampshire Local Government Center (LGC) 70th Annual Conference *Excellence in Annual Reports Awards* celebration, which recognized eighteen towns and three cities for production of exceptional annual reports that are both informative and citizen-friendly publications.

“These cities and towns truly deserve sincere recognition for their outstanding efforts in producing such impressive public documents that inform their citizens of important financial information while also conveying a sense of community spirit,” said Sandal Keeffe, deputy executive director and chief financial officer for the New Hampshire Local Government Center.

Annual reports from 151 cities and towns were submitted to the *Excellence in Annual Reports Awards* contest. During the selection process, reports are first reviewed for presentation of basic financial information; reports passing this initial test move on to stage two, where they are scored for creativity and reader appeal. Town reports are judged in six categories based on population.

The following are the winners in the 2011 *Excellence in Annual Reports Awards*:

Towns, population 0 – 750: First Place – Shelburne; Second Place – Sugar Hill;
Third Place – Stark

Towns, population 751 – 1500: First Place – New Castle; Second Place – Lincoln;
Third Place – Springfield

Towns, population 1501 – 3000: First Place – Newbury; Second Place – Lyndeborough;
Third Place – Gorham

Towns, population 3001 – 5000: First Place – Enfield; Second Place – Northwood;
Third Place – Moultonborough

Towns, population 5001 – 7500: First Place – Belmont; Second Place – Peterborough;
Third Place – Northfield

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Towns, population 7501 and above: First Place – Windham; Second Place – Hampton; Third Place – Hollis

Cities: First Place – Nashua; Second Place – Portsmouth; Third Place – Concord

The LGC 70th Annual Conference *Excellence in Annual Reports Awards* luncheon was sponsored by Citizens Bank. Themed *Embracing the Mission*, the LGC 70th Annual Conference featured 60 educational sessions covering a wide range of topics of concern and interest to New Hampshire local officials. Some 523 elected and appointed officials and staff from city, town, school district and county governments across the state attended the two-day event.

About the Local Government Center

The New Hampshire Local Government Center (LGC) is a nonprofit organization governed by an active board of directors comprising municipal, school and county representatives, including employees, management and elected officials. Its mission is to strengthen the quality of member governments and the ability of their officials and employees to serve the public. For more information, visit www.nhlgc.org.