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Village Manager Credentialed by International City Management Association

Oak Park Village Manager Carl Swenson has become one of only 650 of the International City/County Management Association's 8,000 members worldwide to receive the group's prestigious *Credentialed Manager* designation.

The ICMA's *Credentialed Manager* designation recognizes Swenson's experience as a senior management executive in local government and his advanced education in public management. The designation also acknowledges Swenson's demonstrated career-long commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

"The recognition of Carl Swenson by the ICMA is yet another reminder to us of how fortunate we are to have such an exceptional public management professional as the Village Manager of Oak Park," said Village President Joanne E. Trapani.

Swenson has more 20 years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to his appointment in 1996 as Village Manager of Oak Park, he spent 14 years in municipal management in the Puget Sound area of Washington State.

In addition to his many years as a city management professional, Swenson has chaired the Illinois City/County Management Association committee on diversity, worked on various regional and state task forces in Washington and Illinois and participated in a range of ICMA assistance efforts, both nationally and internationally.

Swenson holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Washington and a master's degree in public administration from the Institute of Public Service at Seattle University. He also has earned a certification from the Rocky Mountain Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government from the University of Colorado's Center for the Improvement of Public Management, and a certification for senior executives in state and local government from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

The ICMA was created in 1914 to promote excellence in local government through professional management. The organization provides technical and management assistance, training and information resources to its members and local governments.

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