

RE: 1981 INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS AND EQUIPMENT SHOW
 ATLANTA, GEORGIA/1981 SEPTEMBER 12 - 17

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Municipal Manager and Municipal Engineer be authorized to attend the 1981 International Public Works Congress and Equipment Show in Atlanta, Georgia from 1981 September 12 - 17.

REPORT

Each year the American Public Works Association sponsors the International Public Works Congress and Equipment Show, a six-day meeting featuring a wide range of presentations on current public works activities and problems, from both technical and managerial viewpoints. The Equipment Show boasts the largest and most diversified display of public works equipment and supplies annually assembled under one roof. The Show provides a unique opportunity for members to examine new equipment and compare the relative merits of various products.

It is the experience of staff that active participation at the Congress produces an excellent cost benefit ratio, and that the cost of attendance is recovered many times over within a short period of time.

"Making Government Work Better" is the theme of this year's event. Following are only some of the items that comprise the diversified program:

Transportation

- Maintenance and Management of Local Road and Street Systems
- Integrating Mass Transit into Urban Street Systems
- Financing Street Improvements

Solid Wastes

- Report on Energy from Solid Wastes
- Better Disposal Management
- Making Collection Work Better
- Trends in Equipment Development
- Hazardous Wastes from the Operator's Point of View

Water Resources

- Urban Stormwater Management
- Energy Recovery in Water Distribution Systems

Equipment Services

- Tomorrow's Technology in North America and Japan
- Top Management's Perspective of Fleet Operations
- How Your Agency Can Save 20% on Fuel

Administrative Management

- How to Deal with the Public
- Management Information Systems and Productivity
- Stress Management

Buildings and Grounds

- Computerized Information and Construction Systems
- Performance Planning and Evaluation for Building Organization

Municipal Engineering

- How Engineers Can Learn to be Better Managers
- Road Inventory, Sufficiency Ratings and Rehabilitation Decisions
- Engineer Performance Standards

The various Congress program items are all beneficial and are structured to suit several different levels in a typical municipal organization. There are, as a rule, as many as four or five concurrent sessions so it is not practically possible for only one delegate to cover the program effectively.

The Municipal Manager, who has been a member of the sponsoring American Public Works Association since 1954, is a program coordinator and will preside at the Workshop on "Successful Leadership Styles". The Municipal Engineer has been a member for 18 years and has been active with the Manager in guiding the Public Works Association of B.C. into becoming a member of the American Public Works Association.

The approximate cost for both the Municipal Manager and the Municipal Engineer is \$2,580 (U.S.). There is a provision for this amount in the budget.

The Municipal Manager is planning to return by way of Dallas, Texas. This city's local government has a reputation for being very innovative and extremely well managed. The city uses a system of computerized maintenance schedules. He hopes to become acquainted with some of the systems and processes that this city uses in the delivery of services to its citizens. The approximately \$200 cost for this side trip is in addition to the conference cost noted above.

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