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CITIES AND TOWNS MEETING PUBLIC'S DEMAND FOR SERVICES

January 18, 2016- Denver, CO— Colorado's municipalities are proving to be creative problem solvers. 88 percent of municipalities have shared service agreements with another government in place to meet residents' demands for more and better services, according to the 2016 Colorado Municipal League State of our Cities and Towns survey.

These agreements are answers to challenges of rising costs, increased demand on existing services, and calls for the creation of new services.

Police, fire, and emergency dispatch centers are the most frequent services shared with other jurisdictions; others include trash removal, weather siren networks, heavy equipment, IT services, tourism marketing, water and wastewater treatment, police records, playground maintenance, affordable housing, and many more.

Some notable examples include agreements:

- Glendale, Sheridan, and Englewood partner with Denver for fire protection
- Fraser and Winter Park for a police department
- Montrose has agreements with several neighboring towns to provide information technology support
- Cities, towns and counties in the San Luis Valley share a State Patrol operated 9-1-1 dispatch center

Two-thirds of cities and towns report shared services save tax payers money. One-third of municipalities have entered into agreements to help meet increased demand. One in five finds it a more efficient method for providing a new service. Cities and towns also cite the increased access to expertise, flexibility, and efficiency gained through shared service agreements.

To learn more, or **for examples of shared service agreements in your region**, contact CML's Mark Radtke at 303-831-6411 or mradtke@cml.org

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