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Serving our members since 1933, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is a private, non-profit, non-partisan corporation. Membership is voluntary, yet AWC consistently maintains 100% participation of our 281 cities and towns.

We believe in providing our members with these exemplary programs and services:

- *AWC is a respected voice, advocating on behalf of Washington's diverse cities and towns*
- *AWC delivers quality training and education for city elected officials and staff, addressing core competencies and emerging issues*
- *AWC offers resources, technical assistance, and research, responding to member needs with comparative data and trends analysis*
- *AWC provides essential services, assisting our members with pooling programs governed by the members, for the members*



Advocating for strong cities

AWC is committed to representing the interests of Washington's diverse cities and towns. One united voice, speaking for cities large and small, has a significant impact on lawmakers and other interest groups in Olympia and Washington, D.C. We listen to what matters most to you during city visits, regional discussions, and conferences, then advocate on your behalf.

Advocacy efforts include:

- Timely action alerts, legislative updates, and fact sheets on fiscal and policy issues
- Bill tracking, in-depth analysis, and technical assistance on implications of proposed, new, and current laws
- Trainings and tips to help cities build a stronger grassroots influence
- Partnerships with various public and private interests critical to keeping cities strong



Training that is mobile, meaningful and manageable

AWC targets education for municipal leadership, offering trainings and resources that are relevant in today's fast-paced, dynamic world. From conferences and issue-driven forums, to webinars and on-demand courses, we tailor our trainings to meet your schedule and budget.

The Certificate of Municipal Leadership program gives elected officials options and recognition for expanding their leadership skills. Training categories include:

- Effective local leadership
- Community planning and development
- Public sector resource development
- Roles, responsibilities, and legal requirements

Research and data for fact-based decision making

AWC's wealth of resources and research tools help city leaders make decisions, identify trends, and explore new ways to approach issues. Valuable data is made available via AWC's Open Data Portal and through data collection efforts such as the annual salary and benefits and tax and user fee surveys. Resources range from practical handbooks to topical publications, including the award-winning *Cityvision* magazine.



Member Pooling Programs — there's power in pooling, it's the right choice for cities

AWC member employers have the option to join any of AWC's Member Pooling Programs. Programs are member driven, with a particular focus on cost savings, prevention, and excellent customer service.

AWC's programs were created especially for cities and towns that need quality benefits and services at a reasonable cost. The pooling of similar employers keeps overall costs lower and more predictable.

- *Employee Benefit Trust* – Providing a broad selection of benefit options and health management programs
- *Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA)* – Offering comprehensive coverage for property and liability needs with a focus on risk prevention
- *Workers' Comp Retro* – Helping employers lower risks for on-the-job injuries, reducing overall workers' compensation costs
- *Drug & Alcohol Consortium* – Assisting members to fulfill federally-mandated drug and alcohol testing requirements for commercial driver license (CDL) holders

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AWC is a highly respected voice of cities and towns before the Legislature, Congress, government agencies, and others. We are the leader in providing valuable services and continuing education for our membership. We are the catalyst for promoting communication between cities and towns and for developing a broad public understanding of the important roles of cities and towns across the state.



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