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1 ACCOUNTING, GOVERNMENT-STANDARDS

032846603

"NAIPFA Conference: GASB 34—What It Says." Ken Schermann.
(*Municipal Finance Journal*, v. 22, no. 2, Summer 2001, p. 35+.)

GASB 34 speaks to the question of depreciation of governmental facilities and how you are going to be reflecting those on the books and a lot of other things as well.

2 ACCOUNTING, GOVERNMENT-STANDARDS

032732332

Understanding and Implementing GASB's New Financial Reporting Model: A Question and Answer Guide for Preparers and Auditors of the State and Local Government Financial Statements. Venita M. Wood.

New York, NY, American Institute of Certified Public Accountant, 1999. 82p.
R657.835 W85u

3 AGED

033668048

The Aging of America: A Handbook for Police Officers. Edited by Linda S. Frost.
Springfield, IL, Charles C. Thomas Publisher, LTD, 2000. 158p.

Written to give police officers and overview of the aging process and enhance their sensitivity to the challenges and needs of the older population.

R305.26024 A267

4 AGED-FLORIDA

032846710

"Our Aging Population."

(*Quality Cities*, September/October 2001, p. 6+.)

Five articles discuss the effect of an aging population on local government.

5 ARTS-ECONOMIC ASPECTS-ATLANTA, GA

033971095

The Arts Economy in 20 Cities: Where Does Atlanta Stand? Ronald J. Kushner and Arthur Brooks.

Atlanta, GA, Research Atlanta, 2000. 41p.

This study helps to better understand the factors explaining the condition of arts organizations in the Atlanta region by comparing it to nineteen of its metropolitan peers.

R700.103 K968a

6 BUDGET MANUALS

028723592

Recommended Budget Practice: A Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting.

Chicago, IL, Government Finance Officers Association, 1998. 78p.

The budget practices have been developed to provide guidance to governments that want to make improvements to their budget processes.

R352.48 N213r

7 CITY HALLS

032846744

"Upgrading City Hall: Building and Renovating City and County Centers. Lydia Bjornlund.

(*IQ Report*, v. 33, no. 7, July 2001, entire issue.)

Case studies highlight key aspects of successful efforts.

8 CRIME & CRIMINALS-STATISTICS

033545147

The Crime Drop in America. Edited by Alfred Blumstein and Joel Wallman.

Cambridge, NY, Cambridge University Press, 2000. 330p. (Cambridge Studies in Criminology).

Provides a penetrating assessment of the contending explanations for the crime drop of the 90's, which establishes a sound basis for moving forward.

R364.973 C8677

9 DEBT MANAGEMENT

032627086

"Do Debt Policies Make a Difference in Finance Officers' Perceptions of the Importance of Debt Management Factors?" Bill Simonsen and others.

(*Public Budgeting & Finance*, Spring 2001, p. 87+.)

This article explores the importance of various debt policy factors using a national survey of government finance officers, and finds that debt policies tend to be technical in nature and that broad policy issues are most often not included in debt policies.

10 DEBTS, PUBLIC-CALIFORNIA

032625197

"Six Things Elected Officials Need to Know About Municipal Debt." Edward Schilling. (*Western City*, March 2000, p. 15+.)

Practical information for making informed decisions about issuing municipal debt.

Includes helpful tips about roving JPA's from the state treasurer and state attorney general. JPA=Joint Power Authority.

11 DETROIT-FREEWAYS

032625049 & 032625205

I-94 Rehabilitation Project. Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation (and Summary (Separate Item)).

(Lansing, MI?), Michigan Department of Transportation, 2001. v.p.

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12 DETROIT-RAPID TRANSIT

032625353

Speed Link-A Rapid Transit Option for Greater Detroit.

Detroit, MI, Metropolitan Affairs Corporation, 2001. Overview and Full Report also available at:

http://www.semcog.org/mac/mac_speedlink.html

VF Detroit-Rapid Transit

13 DISASTER PLANNING

032624828

"Turning a Public Crisis Around." Karen Anderson.

(*Public Management (PM)*, October 2001, p. 18+.)

Eight ways to face a crisis before it happens.

14 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

032625031

"Preventing the Chemical Nightmare." Jeffery W. Bradstreet.

(*Public Risk*, July 1997, p. 8+.)

New regulations, Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs, and finalized requirements for facilities that manufacture, process, use store or otherwise handle any of 77 toxic or 63 flammable substances.

15 E GOVERNMENT

032846447

"E-Government. . . If You Build, It, Will They Come?" Evelina Moulder

. (*Public Management (PM)*, September 2001, p. 10+.)

ICMA survey results on the connections between economic development and e-government.

16 E MAIL-PRIVACY

032626419

"An Employer Right or a Violation of Employees' Rights to Privacy?" Diane Murphy Quinlan.

(*New Hampshire Town and City*, February 2001, p. 11.)

Monitoring Employees' use of the E-Mail System.

17 ELECTRONIC RECORDS-ARKANSAS

032846389

"Arkansas Freedom of Information Act Changes Affect Electronic Public Records."

David Schoen.

(*City & Town*, September 2001, p. 12+.)

18 EMERGENCY PLANNING

032685266

Emergency Response Planning for Corporate and Municipal Managers. Paul A. Erickson.

San Diego, CA, Academic Press, 1999. 564p.

Outlines the essential roles of corporate and municipal managers. The book demonstrates the importance of their relationships with federal, state, and local government agencies as well as public and private community sectors.

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19 ENTERPRISE ZONES

032846694

"Enterprise Zones and Job Creation: Linking Evaluation and Practice." Marion G. Boarnet.

(*Economic Development Quarterly*, v. 15, no. 3, August 2001, pages 242-254).

The article addresses methodological issues in assessing zone benefits, including the importance of comparing places that received zones with a suitable chosen control group of places that did not get zones.

20 FEDERAL-LOCAL RELATIONS

032625601

"Federal Spaces Community Places."

(*Governing*, March 2001, p. 51+.)

Special Sponsored section featuring Federal Buildings in different cities including Washington, D.C., Denver and Montpelier.

21 FIRE CODES

032846827

"Hot Topic: NFPA Standard 1710." Scott Baltic.

(*American City & County*, September 2001, p. 22+.)

The National Fire Protection Association's recent approval of a deployment standard for fire departments has municipal officials nationwide vowing to put up a fight.

22 FIREARMS

033757700

Gun Violence: the Real Costs. Philip J. Cook and Jens Ludwig.

Oxford, NY, Oxford University Press, 2000. 242p. (Studies in crime and public policy).

Extensive survey data measures the subjective costs of living in a society where gun violence is a fact of life.

R364.15097 C772g

23 GRANTS-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

033965287

Grants for Community and Economic Development Housing and Employment.

New York, NY, Foundation Center, 2000. (Grant Guide.)

Covers grants to nonprofit organizations for community improvement, economic development, business services community funds, housing and employment.

R336.185 G7669 2000-2001 GR-CTR

24 HAZARDOUS WASTE-LAWS & LEGISLATION

031111561

The Complete Guide to the Hazardous Waste Regulations; RCRA, TSCA, HMTA, OSHA, and Superfund. Travis P. Wagner.

Third Edition. New York, NY, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1999. 536p.

In depth, step-by-step guide to specific regulatory compliance guidelines as well as EPA interpretations comprise this comprehensive collection of hazardous waste information.

R344.04622 W125c 1999

25 HAZARDOUS WASTE-LAWS & LEGISLATION

031173298

RCRA Hazardous Wastes Handbook. Ridgeway M. Hall, Jr and others.

Crowell & Moring. 11th edition, Rockville, MD, U.S.A., Government Institutes, 1996, (vp.)

Provides a clear, factual explanation of the largest regulatory program ever undertaken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

R353.00823 R219

26 ILLEGAL DUMPING

032624885

Illegal Dumping Prevention Guidebook.

Chicago, IL, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1998. 33p.

Provides general information about illegal dumping and guidance for developing a prevention program.

<http://www.epa.gov/region5/pdf/il-dmpng.pdf>

VF Refuse Disposal

27 IMPACT FEES-CALIFORNIA

032771900

Who Pays for Development Fees and Exactions? Marla Dresch and Steven M. Sheffrin.

San Diego, CA, Public Policy Institute of California, 1997. 80p.

Examines the size and effects of development fees and exactions in a California county experiencing rapid growth. Concludes that reliance on such fees is necessary unless some other funding source can be provided.

R336.16 D816w

28 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

032625361

"Choosing and IT Consultant." Lindsay Isaacs.

(*American City & County*, September 2001, p. 50+.)

In the end, choosing an IT consultant is much like choosing any employee.

Creativity, reliability, honesty, personality and a fair price are factors to consider.

29 INTRANETS

032624877

Special Issue Featuring: Knowledge Management Benefits of Intranet, Multinational Multicultural Intranets, and Intranet Solutions Buzzwords.

(*Online*, May/June 2001.)

30 JOB CLASSIFICATION

034189234

Standard Occupational Classification Manual.

Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget. Springfield, VA, U.S. Department of Commerce, Technology Administration, National Technical Information Services, 2000. 257p.

Covers all occupations in which work is performed for pay or profit. Occupations are classed based on work performed and on required skills, education, training and credentials.

R331.7001 S785

31 LAND USE

032625304

"Urban Sprawl and Decline: Prospects for Change."

(*Public Works Management & Policy*, v.6, no.2, October 2001, Entire Issue).

This issue focuses on managing urban growth, transportation, and regional alliances and planning.

32 LEASING

032846728

"Financing Capital Needs Through Appropriations: A Primer on Municipal Lease Financing." Tina K. Neal.

(*Virginia Review*, July/August 2001, p. 36+.)

Lease financings are often used for acquisition of public purpose facilities and equipment by a local government where it is leased for a certain period of years and then transferred to the public entity at the end of the lease period.

33 LIBRARIES

032624992

"Branching Out." Anne Jordan.

(*Governing*, October 2001, p. 26+.)

The branch library, once thought headed for extinction, is thriving even as other community institutions disappear.

34 LOBBYING-TEXAS

032846702

"Testifying Before the Legislature. . . An Important Part of the Process." James McCarley.

(*Current Municipal Problems*, v. 28, no. 1, 2001, p. 79+.)

Local government officials must understand the lobbying process and participate in it to maintain local flexibility and control for their cities and constituencies.

35 LOCAL TRANSIT

028800366

The Role of Transit in Creating Livable Metropolitan Communities/Project for Public Space, Inc.

Washington, D.C., National Academy Press, 1997. 164p. (Report [Transit Cooperative Research Program] 22).

Combines guidelines and case studies for providing a comprehensive approach for improving community livability and transit ridership.

R388.40722 R643

36 MANUFACTURED HOUSING-ZONING-ILLINOIS

032846793

"Mainstreaming Factory Homes in Zoning Codes." John L. Gann, Jr.

(*Illinois Municipal Review*, August 2001, p. 13+.)

Instead of special mobile home zoning factory-built units are now to be subject to all city-zoning regulations for site-built homes.

37 MEDIATION

032846462

"Mediation: Keep Your Employees and Stay Out of Court." John R. Loss.
(*Missouri Municipal Review*, August 2001, p. 27+.)

The cost of litigation, coupled with the likelihood of losing qualified employees, has created a ripple effect felt in municipalities of all sizes.

38 MUNICIPAL BUDGETS

031174114

Marketing Your Budget: Creative ways to Engage Citizens in the Bottom Line. Frank Benest.

Tampa, Fl, Innovation Groups, 1997. (v.p.)

Intended to provoke local government officials to rethink budgeting as a political and marketing process through which the budget process and budget documents may be used to reconnect with citizens.

R352.4214 B435m

39 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LIABILITY

032846686

"Affirmative Defenses In Claims Against Municipalities." Ken Smith.
(*Alabama Municipal Journal*, September 2001, p. 19+.)

The idea of the affirmative defense is that public policy provides an escape from liability under certain circumstances regardless of whether the plaintiff is able to prove his cause of action.

40 NARCOTICS-METHAMPHETAMINE

032625189

"What You Need to Know About Meth Labs." Gary Koch.
(*Illinois Municipal Review*, August 2001, p. 17+.)

Effects, history, usage and what officials can do.

41 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

033971103

Workplace Health and Safety Sourcebook: Basic Consumer Health Information About Workplace Health and Safety. Edited by Chad T. Kimball.

1st Edition. Detroit, Michigan, Omingraphics, 2000. 625p. (Health reference series).

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42 PARKS

032624869

"Restoring Urban Parks: New Life in Old Spaces." Terra Hargett.
(*American City & County*, September 2001, p. 38+.)

By using alternative resources, cities are turning deteriorated urban parks back into the gathering places they once were.

43 POLICE-LABOR RELATIONS-PENNSYLVANIA

032621204

"Model Police Contract Provisions." Ryan J. Cassidy.
(*Pennsylvania Borough News*, May 2001, p. 6+.)

44 PUBLIC HEALTH

032979834

Public Health Administration: Principles For Population-Based Management. Edited by Lloyd F. Novick and Glen P. Mays.

Gaithersburg, MD, Aspen Publisher, 2001. 806p.

Intended to embrace and clarify the transition from a public to a population health perspective. Comprehensive in nature.

R362.1068 P96

45 PUBLIC HEALTH

034042045

Public Health: What It Is and How It Works. Bernard J. Turnock.

2nd edition. Gaithersburg, MD, Aspen Publisher, 2001. 353p.

Textbook presentation of the field of public health and how it functions in modern America. Includes case studies, developments in community public health practice and internet resources.

R362.1 T861p

46 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP-WATER & SEWERAGE

032842834

"Public-Private Partnership In Water and Sewerage Services: Privatization for Profit or Improvement of service and Performance? Osmo T. Seppala and others.

(*Public Works Management & Policy*, v.6, no. 1, July 2001. pages 43-58.)

Whichever management or contract model is selected, the ownership of the utilities should preferably remain in the hands of municipalities whose decisions on services citizens should be able to influence through local democracy.

47 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

031169296

Information Technology Series: Part III, RFPs and Contacts.

Tampa, FL, Innovation Groups, 2001? vp.

Gives examples of RFP's and contracts produced by variety of city and county jurisdictions concerning Internet providers, telecommunications, cable services bill payment service and much more.

R354.75253 I43 Model Programs DESK

48 SHOPPING CENTERS-INDIANAPOLIS

032627029

"Planning for Inner-City Retail Development: The Case of Indianapolis." Samuel Nunn

. (*Journal of the American Planning Association*, Spring 2001, p. 159+.)

This article examines the planning process used by Indianapolis city planners in 1998-1999 to devise public policies to facilitate inner-city retail competitiveness.

49 TAKINGS

032846397

"High Court Decision On 'Takings' Mirrors Similar Judgments, But With Some Twists." John D. Echeverria.

(*County News*, September 17, 2001, p. 6+.)

On June 28, 2001, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its latest regulatory "takings" decision in the case of *Palazzolo v. Rhode Island*.

50 TAKINGS

032846348

"Takings Claim Not Barred For Property Acquired After Adoption of Land Use Regulation."

(*The Municipality*, September 2001, p. 337+.)

The U. S. Supreme Court Recently decided another important takings case. Palazzolo v. Rhode Island.

51 TERRORISM

032625023

"Brace Yourself For Biological and Chemical Terrorism. Jan R. Dunbar.

(*Fire Chief*, September 1996, p. 34-43)

The author warned that the nerve gas attack in Tokyo would not be the last terrorist incident and that fire departments should consider preparing for that eventuality.

52 TERRORISM

030814033

Domestic Terrorism: Resources for Local Government.

Washington, D.C., National League of Cities, 1998. 40p.

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53 TERRORISM

032625346

"Issues Focus: Bioterrorism."

(*Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, v. 6, no. 4, July 2000, entire issue.)

12 articles discuss the Public Health response to bioterrorism.

54 TERRORISM

029264356

"Preparing For Terrorism: What Every Manager Needs To Know. Howard Levitin.

(*Public Management (PM)*, December 1998, p. 4+.)

An incredible string of terrorist attacks—Oklahoma City, Birmingham, Tokyo, New York City, and Atlanta—to name only the most publicized—has yielded vital lessons for local government managers worldwide.