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January/February 2003

1. ACCOUNTING, GOVERNMENT

034810433

Guide to Implementation of GASB statement 34 and related Pronouncements: Question and Answers.

Norwalk, CT, Governmental Accounting Foundation, 2002. 111p. (GASB implementation guides).

Although the focus of the questions is primarily on the requirements of statement 34 coverage of a variety of issues from statement 33 through 38 is included.

R657.83503 G942

2. AFRO-AMERICANS

035100214

African-American Facts. Marcus Williamson.

2000 Edition. New York, NY, Gramercy Books, 2000. 64p.

Includes hundreds of facts from history and science to sports and famous people.

R973.0496 W676a

3. AIRPORT SECURITY

035481473

"Airport Security, High Reliability, and the Problem of Rationality." H. George Frederickson and Todd R. LaPorte.

(*Public Administration Review*, September 2002, v. 62, Special Issue).

Even if funding for passenger and baggage security is adequate, there is still the problem of balancing air travel efficiency and security.

4. AQUARIUMS

032623887

Survey On How Aquariums Are Being Used As Development Tools in Other Cities.

Detroit, MI, City Planning Commission, 2002. vp.

VF Detroit- Aquariums

5. BANKS & BANKING-ALABAMA

035482778

"Keeping Your City's Bank Deposits SAFE." Andrea Jackson.

(*Alabama Municipal Journal*, September 2002, p. 5+.)

The SAFE Program provides security for city funds that are on deposit in Alabama banks.

6. CABLE CARS-AERIAL

032623762

"Portland Considers Aerial Commuter Solution."
(*Urban Transportation Monitor*, June 14, 2002, p. 1+.)
Will be second aerial commuter system in U.S.

7. CAMPAIGN FUNDS

032623564

"Where Campaign Money Flows." Alan Greenblatt.
(*Governing*, November 2002, p. 44+.)
Stung by aggressive attorney general, business is placing big bets on races it used to ignore.

8. CHILD WELFARE

033598948

America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being. Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics.
Washington, D.C., The Forum, 1998. 108p.
Presents in a single documents 23 key indicators on important aspect of children's lives, including their economic, security, health, behavior and social environment and education.
PR 42.8: C43/C 43/998

9. CITY-COUNTY CONSOLIDATION-LOUISVILLE

035482604

"Anatomy of a Merger." Alan Greenblatt.
(*Governing*, December 2002, p. 20+.)
Louisville and Jefferson County are about to be combined into one metropolitan government. Will it be a model for regional consolidation elsewhere?

10. CITY PLANNING

035673525

Cities in Full: Recognizing and Realizing the Great Potential of Urban America. Steve Belmont.
Chicago, IL, American Planning Association, 2002. 536p.
Explores the great potential of the American city and outlines essential elements necessary for its revitalization.
R307.1216 B417c

11. CITY PLANNING-DESIGN

032899479

Community Design: A Team Approach To Dynamic Community Systems. W. Arthur Mehrhoff.
Thousand Oaks, CA, Sage Publications, 1999. 139p. (Cities & Planning Series v. 4).
Investigates the problems facing local communities caused by the rise of a global economy as it demonstrates the pressing need for a systems approach to community design.

12. COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES

035482810

"Smart Growth U." Governor Parris N. Glendening.

(*State Government News*, November/December 2002, p. 28+.)

Colleges and Universities can contribute to smart land-use policies, vibrant communities.

13. CONVENTIONS-ATLANTA

032623754

"Decentralization of Atlanta's Convention Business." Harvey K. Newman.

(*Urban Affair Review*, v. 38, no. 2, November 2002, pages 232-252).

The process of decentralization has resulted in a competition for meetings that pits one suburban convention submarket against another and against downtown in a multicentered metropolitan region.

14. CORRUPTION-SAN BERNARDINO, CA

035482562

"Addicted to Corruption." William Fulton and Paul Shigley.

(*Governing*, November 2002, p. 36+.) San Bernardino has been crooked for years. It will take years to clean it up.

15. DETROIT-DEVELOPMENTS

035479832

Detroit Development Initiatives 2002: Executive Summary. Comerica Bank.

Detroit, MI, Comerica Bank, 2002. (vp).

R330.97743 C734d 2002

16. DETROIT-JUDGES-M

036008150

Inner City Miracle: A Memoir. Judge Greg Mathis and Blair S. Walker.

New York, NY, Ballantine Books, 2002. 197p.

In this truly candid memoir, Greg Mathis life on both sides of the law is revealed.

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17. DETROIT-LIBRARIES

035482927

Report on the Investigation of Allegation of Control Issues Within the Detroit Public Library (DPL). (DPL Responses Included).

Detroit, MI, Auditor General, 2002. 45p.

The report was requested by the City Council to investigate allegations made by the former DPL Associate Director of Business and Financial Operations.

VF Detroit-Libraries

18. DETROIT-WATER & SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT

032623721

"Water Wars." Russ Bellant.

(*Metrotimes*, November 13-19, 2002, pp. 12-13).

Historical article dealing with suburban involvement with Detroit's Water & Sewerage Department.

19. DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE

034643552

Managing Diversity in Public Sector Workforces. Norma M. Riccuci.
Boulder, CO, Westview Press, 2002. 167p. (Essentials of Public Policy and Administration Series).

Addresses the demographic changes to the labor force and workplace and the ways in which government employers are managing the diverse populations that now fill public sector jobs.

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20. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

035481846

"Unnecessary Lights-and-Siren Use: A Public Health Hazard." Jeff Clawson.
(*Public Management (PM)*, October 2002, p. 12+.)

The incidence of emergency-vehicle collisions is not just a "problem" or even a "dilemma". It is a public health epidemic.

21. FRANCHISING-MUNICIPAL-ALABAMA

032623713

"Municipal Franchises." Ken Smith.

(*Alabama Municipal Journal*, September 2002, p. 19+.)

A franchise is a form of contract of agreement. As used in this article, a franchise is special privilege, which does not belong to the citizens by common rights.

22. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

033599177

"Beyond Maps: The Next Generation of GIS." Eliot Allen and Randy Goers.
(*Planning*, September 2002, p. 36+.)

The new generation of GIS tools can empower planners and citizens in three ways: Accessibility, Analysis and Action.

23. HANDICAPPED-LEGAL STATUS

035482257

"Recent Developments Under the Americans With Disabilities Act." Paul J. Siegel.
(*Municipal Lawyer*, July/August 2001, p. 10+.)

Five recent decisions by federal appellate courts, dealing with the ADA, are likely to have significant ramifications for employers.

24. HAZARDOUS WASTE-LAW & LEGISLATION

034810482

RCRA CFRs Made Easy. Andre R. Cooper, Sr.
Rockville, MD, ABA Consulting, 2002. 510p.

Provides facilities that generate, transport, store and dispose of hazardous waste with a streamlined and user-friendly reference for understanding the complex programs of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Code of Federal Regulations Title 40 parts 190-299.

R344.0462 C784r

25. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION-LAW & LEGISLATION

034801986

A Layperson's Guide to Historical Preservation Law: A Survey of Federal, State, and Local Law Governing Historic Resource Protection. Julia H. Miller.

Washington, D.C., National Trust for Historical Preservation, 2000. 48p.

R344.094 M615x

26. HOMELESS

032979800

Beside The Golden Door: Policy, Politics, and the Homeless. James D. Wright and others.

New York, NY, Aldine De Gruytex, 1998. 238p. (Social Institutions and Social Change).

Explains the phenomenon of homelessness and reviews the main theories and arguments surrounding the issues.

R363.59694 B463

27. HOUSING-AFFORDABLE-CALIFORNIA

035482489

"Affordable Housing: Who Pays Now?" James B. Goodno.

(*Planning*, November 2002, p. 4+.)

Creating broad support for investment, changing land-use policies, and finding the land all are moving affordable housing policy forward.

28. HOUSING-POLICY

035482737

"Creating a 'Home' For Good Housing Policy." Paul G. Lewis.

(*Western City*, August 2002, p. 16+.)

Two useful precepts to consider are balancing local responsibilities with local rewards, and providing more information and certainty to those involved in and affected by the development process.

29. HOUSING-PROJECTS

032623572

"HUD the Unlovable." Christopher Swope.

(*Governing*, December 2002, p. 26+.)

The federal housing agency changes its focus every couple of years. The only constant is local frustration.

30. HUMAN RESOURCES-MANAGEMENT

034095852

Human Resource Management in Public Service: A Paradoxes, Processes, and Problems. Evan M. Berman and others.

Thousand Oaks, CA, Sage Publications, 2001. 386p.

Designed to help readers develop key skills for success while reminding them of the complex puzzles and paradoxes of management in the public sector.

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31. INNER CITIES-PHILADELPHIA, PA

033536989

Code of the Street: Decency Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City. Elijah Anderson.

1st Edition. New York, NY, W.W. Norton, 1999. 352p.

Author's aim is to render ethnographical the social and cultural dynamics of the interpersonal violence, which undermines too many urban neighborhoods. Very readable.

R303.33080 A546c

32. JAILS

035482455

"Huntington Beach Makes Its Municipal Jail a Revenue-Generating Asset." Jon Arnold and Guy Dove.

(*Western City*, November 2002, p. 16+.)

The department currently contracts with eight surrounding cities to book prisoners for a fee.

33. LAND USE

035482000

"The Costs of Development: Downtown v. Open Spaces. Elizabeth Humstone.

(*Economic Development Review*, Fall 2002, p. 27+.) Includes 8 reasons why developers choose outlying locations.

34. LAND USE-VACANT LAND

032623606

"The Courts Must Affirm Governments' Right to Use Vacant Land." Albert T. McWilliams.

(*New Jersey Municipalities*, November 2002, p. 112+.)

By cleaning up vacant lots for temporary use as recreation areas or parks, a town may forfeit the right to later development.

35. LAND USE LAW AND LEGISLATION-NEW YORK STATE

034806571

Well Grounded: Using Local Land Use Authority to Achieve Smart Growth. John R. Nolan.

Washington, D.C., Environment Law Institute, 2002. 470p.

Explores the growing interest in land use law and practice that has been stimulated by the public's increasing disfavor with urban sprawl and its support of smart growth initiatives.

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36. LEAD POISONING

035482745

"Protecting Children From Lead." Meredith Povisils.

(*New Jersey Municipalities*, November 2002, p. 88+.)

Once a child has been exposed to lead, the effects of exposure cannot be reversed.

37. LEADERSHIP

032623580

"Building Communities: A Bottoms Up Approach." Henry Moore.
(*Nation's Cities Weekly*, v. 25, no. 46, November 28, 2002, p. 9+.)

38. LEADERSHIP

035482869

"The Twelve Keys to Leadership." Dr. Michael Stewart.
(*Nation's Cities Weekly*, v. 25, no. 46, November 18, 2002, p. 8+.)

39. LIBRARIES

032623622

"Passport Service Benefits Mission Viejo Library and Community." Danielle Laney.
(*Western City*, November 2002, p. 20+.)

Following the trend of libraries providing nontraditional services to meet a community's information needs, the Mission Viejo Library in Orange County began offering U. S. passport acceptance service in September 1999.

40. MICHIGAN-AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

033599102

1987-1997 Traffic Crash Profile For Southeast Michigan. Gwo Wei Torng and J. Thomas Bruff.

Detroit, MI, SEMCOG, 1999. 157p + appendices.

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41. MICHIGAN-ENERGY

035482786

"Energy Facility Siting."
(*Planning & Zoning News*, v. 21, no. 1, November 2001, entire issue.)
Whole issue deals with energy concerns and wind power in Michigan.

42. MICHIGAN-INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

032847403

"Intergovernmental Cooperation Benefits Residents." Jenn Fielder.
(*Michigan Township News*, January/February 2002, p. 15+.)

43. MICHIGAN-LAND USE

035481465 "Measuring Sprawl & Its Impacts." (*Planning & Zoning News*, v. 20, no. 7, May 2002, entire issue.) Whole issue deals with Sprawl.

44. MICHIGAN-OLD AGE

035486217

Elderly Pedestrian and Driver Study Southeast Michigan. J. Thomas Bruff and Jennifer Evans.

Detroit, MI, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, 1999. 1v. (vp).
Studies the crash patterns and unique characteristics of elderly drivers and pedestrians in order to develop countermeasures, which may reduce the frequency, and severity of elderly crashes.

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45. METROPOLITAN AREAS

034603093

The Transforming Metropolitan Economy. Thomas M. Stanback, Jr.

New Brunswick, NY, Center for Urban Policy Research, 2002. 129p.

Carefully analyzes the continuities as well as the changes that have occurred among metropolitan economies of different sizes and specialization.

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46. MUNICIPAL SERVICES-CONSOLIDATION-WISCONSIN

035482760

"Consolidation of Municipal Service." William F. White.

(*The Municipality*, November 2002, p. 435+.)

Wisconsin provides incentive payments for consolidation of municipal services.

47. NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT-NEW JERSEY

032626355

"Making Things Work for Newark's Neighborhoods." Donald Bradley.

(*New Jersey Municipalities*, November 2002, p. 16+.)

The core premise of the Partnership and the Operation Weed and Seed Strategy is to bring together community residents, government, education, law enforcement and the corporate sector.

48. PARKS-MARKETING

032623895

Innovative Program Management in Local Government Parks and Recreation Departments.

Washington, D.C., ICMA, 2002. 45p.

Describes survey results related to market partnerships, online registration, and environmental issues.

VF Parks

49. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT-REFUSE COLLECTION-VIRGINIA

035482679

"Measuring Waste: Refuse Collection Performance Measurement in Southwest Virginia." Kimberly Scism Eagle.

(*Virginia Review*, September/October 2002, p. 34+.)

Prince William and Fairfax County are nationally recognized examples of successful local government performance measurement and benchmarking programs.

50. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT-MICHIGAN

032623531

"Mason Run: Traditional Design and Redevelopment Combine For Smart Growth in Monroe. James Tischler.

(*Michigan Municipal Review*, December 2002, p 7+.)

PUDs allow for flexibility in design and use regulation.

51. POLICE-ADMINISTRATION-MAINE

035482752

"Police Service in Maine: The Structure. Douglas Rooks.

(*Maine Townsman*, October 2002, p. 5+.)

52. POLITICAL ETHICS

035481838

"Everyday Ethics For Local Officials: Marketing Your Business: Is It Compatible With City Council Duties?"

(*Western City*, October 2002, p. 5+.)

Institute for Local Self Government's advisory panel on ethics.

53. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

035482836

"Toward An Understanding of Types of Public-Private Cooperation. Peter V. Schaeffer and Scott Loveridge.

(*Public Performance & Management Review*, December 2002, p. 169+.)

This article classifies public-private cooperation into four common forms and provides a conceptual framework for better understanding why cooperators choose a particular form of cooperation.

54. PUBLIC UTILITIES-RATES

032623879

"Determining Wastewater Utility Charges: Budgeting and Rate Reviews. Bryan Roth. (*Public Works*, October 2002, pp. 22-25).

An innovative yet simple method for taking the guesswork out of determining what impact budgeting will have on rates.

55. RECYCLING

032623614

"How your State Handles Solid Waste and Recycling. Kim O'Connell.

(*Waste Age*, February 2002, p. 26-29).

56. REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

034793829

The Regional Governing of Metropolitan America. David Y. Miller.

Boulder, CO, Oxford: Westview, 2002. 161p. (Essentials of Public Policy and Administration Series).

A review of the financial system of state and local government at the broadest possible level the national level and explores the relationships between the federal government, the fifty state governments and the 86,000 local governments that constitute the U.S. system.

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57. RIGHTS-OF-WAY

035485953

"Environmental Outlook—Economic Development and Municipal Rights of Ways."

Gregory D. Cochran.

(*Current Municipal Problems*, v. 29, no. 1, p. 84+.)

There are both legal and practical issues to consider in assessing municipal right of way fees on telecommunication providers.

58. RISK MANAGEMENT

032623739

"Municipal Immunity & Municipal Liability." Claire Silverman.
(*The Municipality*, September 2002, p. 332+.)

This article discusses the "know danger" exception to immunity, and failure to abate a public nuisance.

59. RISK MANAGEMENT-MARYLAND

035482794

"Local Government Employment Issues." Kevin J. Best.
(*Municipal Maryland*, November 2002, p. 7+.)

List of federal and state statutes that municipal employers must observe.

60. SAFETY

032623747

"A Security Primer for Local Governments." Jason E. High.
(*Pennsylvania Borough News*, November 2002, p. 8+.)

What are you protecting? What are you protecting it from? How are you protecting it?

61. SAFETY

035482828

"Special Supplement: Homeland Security."
(*American City & County*, November 2002, S1+).

Using GIS and vulnerability assessment, local governments are examining preparedness for terrorism response.

62. SKATE PARKS

035482893

"Cities Catch the Wave, Build Skateparks for Teen." Lance Davis.
(*Nation's Cities Weekly*, v. 25, no. 44, November 4, 2002, p. 1+.)

Skateboarding, once considered the bane of the urban landscape, is growing so fast that many cities are building or have built outdoor parks for the skateboard citizens.

63. TAX COLLECTION-INTERNET

035482802

"31 States Approve Tax Simplification Plan." Larry Jones.
(*U. S. Mayor*, November 18, 2002, p. 8).

A first step that could help state and local governments collect taxes due on internet and mail order sales.

64. VENDORS

035481994

Street Vending: A Survey of Ideas and Lessons for Planners. Jennifer Ball.
Chicago, IL, American Planning Association, 2002. 43p. (PAS Report 509.)
R710.1 A512p

65. VOTERS & VOTING

035482323

"Voter Turnout in City Elections." Curtis Wood.
(*Urban Affairs Review*, v. 38, no. 2, November 2002, pages 209-231).

Voter turnout is dependent on the form of government. Political cities have the highest voter turnout, while administrative cities have the lowest.

66. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

034803933

Improving Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Efficiency and Effectiveness. Paul Eisenhardt and G. David Waltrip.

Alexandria, VA, Water Environment Research Foundation, 1999. (vp). (Project 97-CTS-1).

Focuses on the means and methods currently available to wastewater utilities for improving their efficiency and effectiveness. Includes various city and county case studies.

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