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January/February 2004

1. ACCOUNTING-GOVERNMENT

036228097

"GASB 34: Preparing for the Audit." Margaret Melrose.
(*The Municipality*, v. 98, no. 10, October 2003, p. 373+.)

In order to implement the new standard, additional information preparation is required.

2. BROWNFIELDS

036227651

"Private Initiative and Public Responsibility for the Redevelopment of Industrial Brownfields: Three Baltimore Case Studies. Marie Howland.
(*Economic Development Quarterly*, v. 17, no. 4, November 2003, pages 367-381.)

This article examines three case studies of brownfield redevelopment in Baltimore, Maryland, to refine understanding of the boundary between privately and publicly initiated brownfield redevelopments.

3. BUSINESS WRITING

037185833

The Business Style Handbook: An A-to-Z Guide for Writing on the Job with Tips From Communications Experts at the Fortune 500. Helen Cunningham and Brenda Greene.
Chicago, IL, McGraw-Hill, 2002. 285p.

This helpful grammar reference focuses on writing issues identified as most important in the workplace by communications executives from the Fortune 500.
R808.06665 C917b

4. CHILD ABUSE-PREVENTION

036227297

"Officials Can Help Prevent Child Abuse. Gwendolyn L. Harris.
(*New Jersey Municipalities*, November 2003, p. 18+.)

5. CITY PLANNING

037073963

The American City: What Works, What Doesn't. Alexander Garvin.
2nd Edition. New York, NY, McGraw-Hill, 2002. 560p.

R 711.40973 G199a 2003

6. CITY PLANNING

036227180

"Do Plans and Zoning Matter? Michael Neuman.
(*Planning*, December 2003, p. 28+.)

The answer is yes and this article tells you why.

7. CITY PLANNING

036876713 036240670

Making Places Special: Stories of Real Places, Made Better by Planning. Gene Bunnell.

Chicago, IL, American Planning Association, 2002. 588p + CD-rom.

First person accounts describe how planning helped to weave local geography, history, economy and society into a distinctive community fabric in 10 exceptional "best places from Block Island, Rhode Island to San Diego, California".

R307.1216 B884m

8. CITY PLANNING

037169670

Redesigning Cities: Principle, Practice, and Implementation. Jonathan Barnett.

Chicago, IL, American Planning Association, 2003. 312p.

Explains how design can reshape suburban growth patterns, revitalize older cities and retrofit metropolitan areas where earlier development decisions went wrong.

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9. CITY PLANNING

037077154

Urban Development: The Logic of Making Plans. Lewis D. Hopkins.

Washington, D.C., Island Press, 2001. 292p.

Explores the concepts behind plans, some that are widely accepted but seldom examined and others that modify conventional wisdom about the use and usefulness of plans.

R307.1216 H775u

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

036227669

"Housing and Community Development Policy." G. Thomas Kingsley and others.
(*Journal of Urban Affairs*, v. 25, no. 4, 2003, pages 427-447).

3 articles discuss Hope VI, housing solutions, neighborhood density and development organizing.

11. CREATIVE ABILITY

036228253

"Chasing the Rainbow." Christopher Swope.

(*Governing*, v. 17, no.1, October 2003, p. 18+.)

Is a gay population an engine of urban revival? Cities are beginning to think so.

12. DETROIT-BRIDGES

036992189

Plans of the U.S. General Services Administration and the Detroit International Bridge Company regarding improvements to border crossing facilities at the Ambassador Bridge.

Detroit, MI, Detroit City Planning Commission, 2003. 6p.

VF Detroit-Bridges

13. DETROIT-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

036239177

Woodward-Mid City Feasibility Study Final Report.

Prepared by the Detroit Renaissance Foundation, the City of Detroit, Mid City Citizens District Council; prepared by McCormack Baron & Association, Inc. (Feasibility Study Final Report). 1992. vp.

The focus of this study is to foster the redevelopment of the multi-block area founded by Woodward Avenue, East Forest, John R. and the east-west alley of south of East Willis know as the Mid-City/ Medical Center District.

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14. DETROIT-HISTORIC PRESERVATION

033601965

South Cass Corridor Intensive Level Survey, June 2002.

Conducted for the University Cultural Center Association by Cornerstone Building Company L.L.C. Detroit, MI, 2002. Looseleaf. vp.

This study was performed to coordinate and facilitate planning activities; to identify resources that might benefit from the historic tax credits and to document the significance of property that may be subject to development pressures in the future.

R720 S726

15. DETROIT-HOUSING REHABILITATION

018482993

A Housing Rehabilitation Strategy for Core City Neighborhoods, Inc.

Detroit, MI, Gerald Luedtke and Associates, 1990. 49p.

Provides information, which can be readily used for preparing rehabilitation-funding proposals to government agencies foundations, banks, and non-profit sponsors.

R711.4 H816

16. DETROIT-LIVING WAGE

036992171

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance.

Detroit, MI, City Council Fiscal Analyst, 2003. v.p.

Includes attachment Living Wage Ordinance Monitoring and Complaint Process Internal Rules and Procedures.

VF Minimum Wage- Living Wage

17. DETROIT-RECREATION

036231828

Five-Year Detroit Recreation Plan, 2003-2007.

Prepared by the Detroit Recreation Department. Detroit, MI, Recreation Department, 2003. 82p. (Revised 3/27/03).

R711.558 D484f 2003

18. DETROIT-WATERFRONT

036227891

Reflecting the Riverfront.

Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, 2003
Detroit Design Charrette. Ann Arbor, MI, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, 2003. 33p.

This study reflects the work of the East Riverfront Task Force whose goal is to create a vision to improve the east riverfront. In this publication are strategies for implementing these plans.

R307.1216 R259

19. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

036228246

"Homeland Security; Trends in the U.S. Roger L. Kemp.

(*New Hampshire Town and City*, October 2003, p. 16+.)

20. DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

037134831

Making Diversity Work? 7 Steps for Defeating Bias in the Workplace. Sondra Thiedermann.

Chicago, IL, Dearborn Trade Publishing, 2003. 199p.

Provides executives and managers with a step-by-step strategy for minimizing bias and maximizing the ability to manage diversity effectively.

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21. DRUG TESTING

036226778

"Drug and Alcohol Testing in the Workplace." Omniah Ebeid.

(*Current Municipal Problem*, v. 29, no. 4, 2003, p. 482+.)

This paper will attempt to provide an overview of the law regarding drug testing policies and programs, and will provide a practical guide to cities as employers in enacting or amending current policies.

22. E-GOVERNMENT

033599862

E-Government: Planning, Funding, and Outsourcing. Patricia D. Fletcher and others. Washington, D.C., International City/County Management Association, 2001. 50p. (Special Data Issue No. 5, 2001).

Examines the planning and strategy of developing a Web presence, barriers to successful implementation of e-government, and changes in government brought on by e-government.

R352 F636e

23. EDUCATION

036990308

"Education Attainment and Metropolitan Growth." Paul D. Gottlieb and Michael Fogarty.

(*Economic Development Quarterly*, v. 17, no. 4, November 2003, pages 325-336.)

This study explores the relationship between educational attainment at the bachelor's degree level and subsequent economic growth in U.S. metropolitan areas.

24. EMPLOYEES-DISMISSAL OF

036227461

"Removal of Public Employees: First Amendment Consideration." Roger Huebner and Jerry Zarley.

(*Current Municipal Problems*, v. 30, no. 2, 2003, p. 139+.)

25. GRANTS-AIDS

037146603

National Guide to Funding in Aids.

Compiled by the Foundation Center. Edited by Jeffery A. Falkenstein.

3rd Edition. New York, NY, the Foundation Center, 2003. 180p.

Features foundations, direct corporate givers, and public charities that have stated or demonstrated an interest in funding AIDS related services.

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26. GRANTS-PUBLIC HEALTH

036428523

National Guide to Funding in Health.

Compiled by the Foundation Center. Edited by Jeffery A. Falkenstein.

8th Edition. New York, NY, Foundation Center, 2003. 2684p.

Contains a total of 10,638 entries including 9,126 grantsmaking foundations, 388 direct corporate giving programs and 1,124 public charities that have show a substantial interest in health.

R610.7025 N213 2003 GR-CTR For Use In Library Only

27. INSURANCE-HEALTH

036227636

"When Employers Fund Retiree Health Care." Kathleen Jenk Harm.

(*Public Management (PM)*, v. 85, no. 11, December 2003, p. 4+.)

The purpose of this article is to provide a framework for examining the retiree health care program to be offered by a governmental entity, compared with what is offered in other jurisdictions, and to point to the anticipated problems in covering the projected costs to the employer and to the employee/retiree.

28. MICHIGAN-INTERLOCAL RELATIONS

036217686

Michigan's Legal Tools For Cooperative Arrangements.

Prepared by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC. Detroit, MI, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, 2003. vp. (Making joint public services work in the 21st century).

Includes information on evaluating authority for cooperative arrangements and a memorandum of legal authority for intergovernmental cooperation.

R352.0095 M582

29. MICHIGAN-LAND USE

036227644

"How Much Development Is Too Much?" A New Guidebook Provides Some Answers." Michele Manning.

(*Planning & Zoning News*, v. 22, no. 1, November 2003, p. 5+.)

30. OFFICE PRACTICE

036750256

The Office Professional's Guide: The Essential Reference for the Modern Office. Erin Mckean.

New York, NY, Oxford University Press, 2003. 463p.

Includes practical advice on business writing as well as type of grammar, spelling and punctuation. Appendices include business terms in other languages as well as a glossary of business and finance terms.

R651 O32

31. PENSIONS-INVESTMENT

036227115

"Bad New Bear." Penelope Lemov.

(*Governing*, v. 17, no. 2, November 2003, p. 43+.)

Issuing bonds to cover pension contributions or boost assets can backfire when investment returns falter.

32. PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

037051894

Performance Appraisal: State of the Art in Practice. James W. Smither, Editor.

1st Edition. San Francisco, CA, Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1998. 579p. (The Professional Practice Series).

Provides a comprehensive survey of state-of-the-art methods and ideas and translates the latest research into nuts-and-bolts guidance to the most critical and timely issues faced.

R658.3125 P4163

33. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

036431006

Comparative Performance Measurement: FY 2001 Data Report.

ICMA Center for Performance Measurement. Washington, D.C., International City/County Management Association, 2002. 578p.

Provides comparative data on police, fire, neighborhood and support services for 100 cities and counties. Includes sections on risk management function characteristics in various cities and counties.

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34. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT-MICHIGAN

036226547

"Monitoring Local Government Fiscal Health." Robert Kleine and others.

(*Government Finance Review*, June 2003, p. 19-23).

The state of Michigan had devised a new set of ratio indicators to help state officials identify fiscally troubled governments before problems reach crisis.

35. PORTS

036226893

Homeland Security Protecting Strategic Ports.

Washington, D.C., U.S. House of Representatives, 2003. 205p.

VF Ports

36. POVERTY-MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

037189744

Clearing the Way: Deconcentrating the Poor in Urban America. Edward G. Goetz.
Washington, D.C., Urban Institute Press, 2003. 313p.

Explores the cases for and against deconcentrating the poor, the programs used to pursue this goal, and the research used to evaluate the success.

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37. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

036227156

"Point/Counterpoint: New Public Management and Bureaucracy Versus Business Values and Bureaucracy." Fred Thompson and Hugh T. Miller.

(*Review of Public Personnel Administration*, v. 23, no.4, December 2003, pages 328-343).

38. RADIO COMMUNICATION

036227206

"Radio Daze." John DeWitt.

(*American City and County*, November 2003, p. 42+.)

Wireless signals are stumbling all over each other, which is not a serious problem, unless you are a fireman, a rescue squad, or the police.

39. REDLINING

036227198

"Urban Policy Forum: Insurance Redlining." Gregory D. Squires.

(*Journal of Urban Affairs*, v. 25, no. 4, 2003, pages 391-410).

Point and counterpoint regarding racial profiling, insurance and redlining.

40. REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

036227289

"Building Regional Communities." Robert E. Sokolowski.

(*Pennsylvania Borough News*, v. 3, Issue 11, November 2003, p. 10+.)

Regional Councils are locally-created, flexible organizations that concentrate and take on the character of the communities and the region they serve.

41. REGIONAL GOVERNMENT-CHICAGO, IL

036227677

"Regionalism in Metropolitan Chicago: A Work in Progress." David K. Hamilton.

(*National Civic Review*, v. 91, no. 1, Spring, 2002, p. 63+.)

This assessment of regional government in metropolitan Chicago focuses on two organizations, Metropolis 2020 and the Metropolitan Mayors Council, and identifies areas for further improvement.

42. REGIONAL PLANNING

036504927

Regionalism on Purpose. Kathryn A. Foster.

Cambridge, MA, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2001. 44p.

Presents case studies of regional experiences in Louisville, Silicon Valley, Denver, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Cape Cod, and Chicago which illuminate the challenges as these communities pursue regionalism for political, economic and multiple purposes respectively.

R307.764 F774r

43. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

036227685

"Bulletproof RFPs." Michael Asner.

(*IQ Report*, v. 35, no. 9, September 2003, Entire Issue).

This report looks at the steps in RFP process, including areas of uncertainty and risk, and offers recommendations for successful procurement.

44. RISK MANAGEMENT

036228329

"Risk and the Outsourcing of Risk Management Services: The Case of Claims Management." Peter C. Young and John Hood.

(*Public Budgeting & Finance*, v. 23, no. 3, Fall 2003, p. 109+.)

This article examines the outsourcing of claims management services by reviewing the research on outsourcing risks and by interviewing leading practitioners.

45. SAFETY

036227172

"Homeland Security: Trends in America." Roger L. Kemp.

(*Colorado Municipalities*, December 2003, p. 13+.)

Local public officials have developed new emergency management practices, applied new computer software to this field, and have begun to modify local codes to enhance safeguards to protect citizens.

46. SCHOOL FINANCE-PHILADELPHIA

036227271

"Rejuvenating Philadelphia's School Infrastructure: The School District's \$1.5 Billion Capital Improvement Program."

(*Greater Philadelphia Regional Review*, Fall 2003, p. 20+.)

A newly announced program will pump new money and new life into the city's aging school system.

47. STRESS

036227255

"Chronic Career Stress: What It Looks Like and What to Do About It." Joseph LaBeau.

(*Public Management (PM)*, November 2003, p. 8+.)

48. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT

036227594

"How Can My City Benefit From A Transportation Development District (TDD)? James E. Mello and Robert D. Klahr.

(*Missouri Municipal Review*, October/November 2003, p. 5+.)

49. VIOLENCE-YOUTH-PREVENTION

037112548

Murder is No Accident: Understanding and Preventing Youth Violence in America.

Deborah Prothrow-Stith and Howard R. Spivak.

1st Edition. San Francisco, CA, Jossey-Bass, 2004. 279p.

A clear, compelling, and much needed examination of what causes youth violence in small towns and big cities all over America. Offers information on how one community was able to curb youth violence in its neighborhoods.

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50. VIRTUAL WORKPLACE

036227966

"The Commute Goes On." Michele Mariani.

(*Governing*, September 2003, p. 23+.)

Despite technology that makes it relatively easy to work from home, few employees are interested in such an arrangement.

51. WATER SUPPLY

036530757

Planning and Managing Reliable Urban Water Systems. Robert J. Harberg.

Denver, CO, American Water Works Association, 1997. 237p.

This handbook examines the nature of reliability and its usage in other types of utilities, methods of gaining public input and the role of water conservation and shortage response.

R363.61 H213p