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Michael Cassady
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Subject: Leading the Way Award Winners – Spring 2021 Announcement

Dear Mr. Cassady:

On behalf of ETC Institute, I want to congratulate the Village of Mount Prospect for winning our Leading the Way Award.

ETC Institute's "Leading the Way Award" was created to recognize local governments for outstanding achievement in the delivery of services to residents. Recipients of the award rank in the top 10% of all local governments in the United States with regard to their composite performance in the three core areas that are assessed on ETC Institute's DirectionFinder® Survey:

- satisfaction with the overall quality of services
- satisfaction with customer service provided by employees, and
- satisfaction with the value residents think they receive for local taxes and fees.

A maximum of 100 points are awarded in each of these three areas based on the results of the survey. In order to rank in the "Top 10% of All Cities", a city must have received a composite score of 210 or more, which means the city scored an average of at least 70 points in all three areas. The threshold of 210 was established using the results of surveys from more than 400 communities that have participated in ETC Institute's DirectionFinder® Survey over the past two years. **The Village of Mount Prospect's composite rating was 246 which was 92 points above the average composite score of 154 for all cities in the United States.**

The Village of Mount Prospect is truly setting standard in many areas. In addition to ranking in the top 10% overall, the Village of Mount Prospect also rated in the top 10% of all cities that participated in our DirectionFinder® between August 2020 and February 2021 in the areas listed below.

- Enforcement of local codes and ordinances
- Condition of street signs and traffic signals
- Yard waste/leaf/brush pick-up services

- Trash/garbage collection services
- Customer service provided by the Village
- Condition of major streets
- Wastewater/sanitary sewer services
- Condition of streets in neighborhoods
- Maintenance of streets and sidewalks
- Curbside recycling services
- The Village's use of social media outlets
- Enforcement of sign regulations
- Cleanliness of streets and public areas
- Availability of information about Village services and activities
- Usefulness of the village's website
- Enforcement of local traffic laws
- Adequacy of street lighting
- Snow removal on neighborhood streets
- The Village's governmental cable television channel

Since 1999, ETC Institute's DirectionFinder® Survey has been administered to nearly two million residents in all 50 states. Although ETC Institute has provided "benchmarking" data that has allowed communities to compare their results with other communities for many years, ETC Institute did not formally recognize the top performers until 2020. The crystal award that you are receiving weighs 11 pounds to represent the 11 cities that participated in ETC Institute's DirectionFinder® Survey the first year the survey was conducted in 2000.

More details about the Leading the Way Award, including the names of other award winners, are now available on our website at etcinstitute.com.

ETC Institute will feature the Village of Mount Prospect as a winner of the award on our website and social media pages over the next few weeks. If you would like us to present the award virtually at a future meeting, we would be glad to do so. We can even provide a sample press release if needed.

Once again, congratulations to you, the Mayor, the Village Board of Trustees, and all Village staff for your outstanding achievements!

Sincerely,



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