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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SELECTED TO HOST INTERNS FOR THE 2008-09 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Local Government Management Association, in partnership with the Municipal Finance Authority and the Ministry of Community Services is pleased to announce the selection of the successful local government hosts for the 2008-09 Local Government Management Internship Pilot Program.

The five local governments that will be invited to host interns in the inaugural year of the pilot program are:

Village of Burns Lake
Town of Ladysmith
City of Nelson
Village of Pemberton
District of Saanich

Twenty-one host applications, from local governments across British Columbia were submitted. The quality and diversity of the applications made for a difficult decision for the Program Advisory Committee. The five successful hosts represent a diverse range of community sizes and a balanced regional distribution of local governments from throughout the province. Each of the successful hosts will receive a Program grant of \$36,000 to host an intern. The host local governments are also contributing toward salaries and training.

The next phase of the program will focus on intern applications from prospective interns who have recently completed their post-secondary education. Intern applications will be received until January 15, 2008 and then forwarded to the host local governments to select their best candidate. Twelve month internships will start between May and June, 2008. During that time, interns will receive broad training opportunities and be exposed to all aspects of local government operations and in turn will contribute to capacity-building of the host local governments.

On behalf of the sponsors, the Internship Program Advisory Committee congratulates the successful local governments and thanks all of the applicant communities for their interest in this program.

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