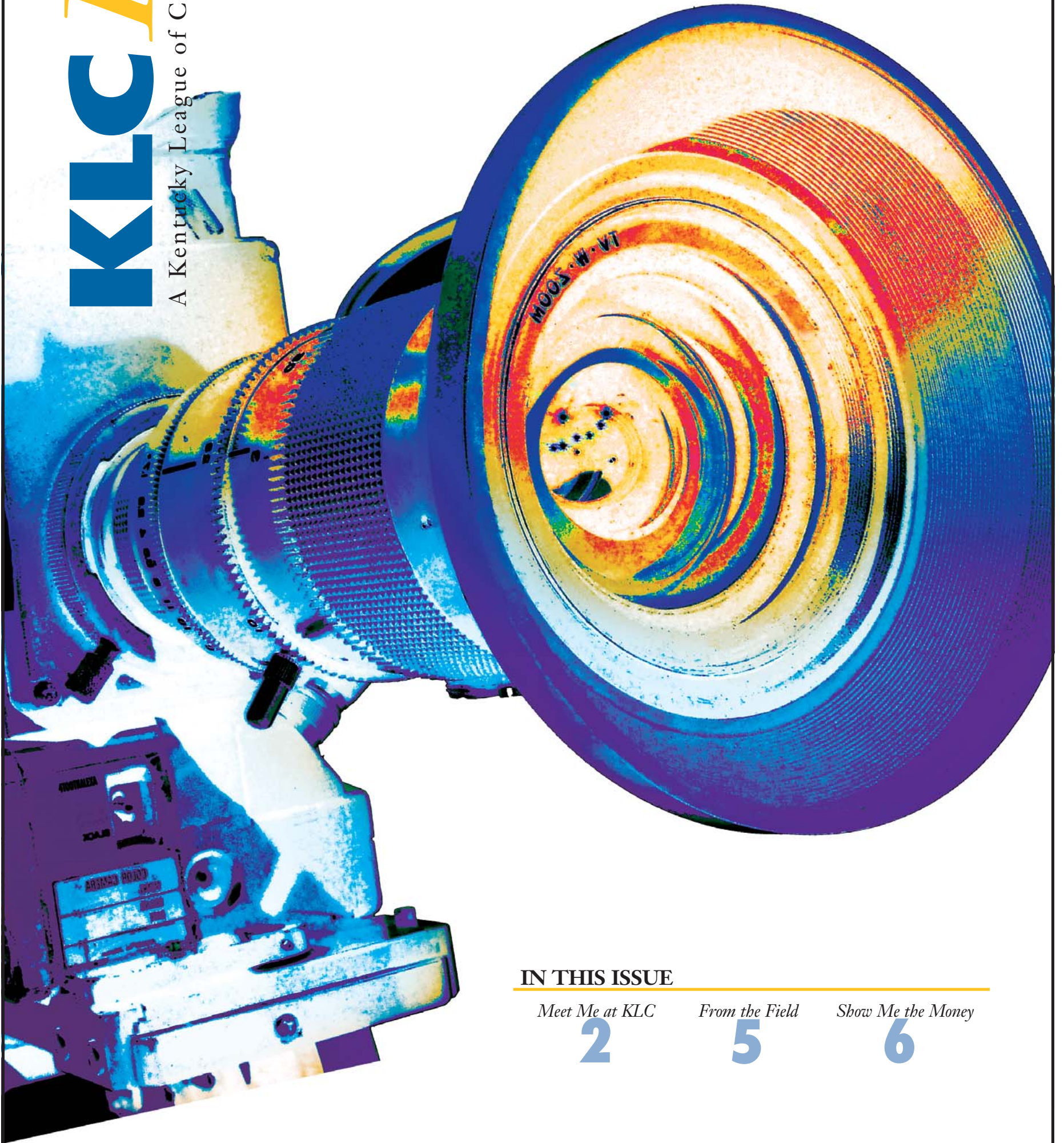


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## *Members Matter!* **KLC Enhances *Focus* on Membership**



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**Members Matter!**

By Neil S. Hackworth

At the Kentucky League of Cities, we value your membership. Our goal is to provide you, our members, with excellent customer service and the resources needed to help you and your city. In order to meet those needs, the KLC Board of Directors created the Membership Services Committee to communicate with the membership regarding the viability of existing KLC programs and services, and to determine the need for additional programs and services. Under the leadership of its Chair, Mayor Karen L. Cunningham of Madisonville, the committee held its first meeting on February 8, 2005.

The committee reviewed the results of the on-line membership satisfaction survey and the regional member focus groups that were conducted from October to January. Respondents provided valuable feedback which is now being evaluated by the committee. They will make recommendations to the KLC Board regarding services and programs offered. I encourage you to review the KLC Annual Report for 2004 (on the flap of this newsletter), which outlines KLC's commitment to members through valuable programs and services.

As the committee begins its work, they want to hear from you. Please contact any of the Membership Services Committee members, the "Road Warriors" or Robyn Miller, KLC Membership Services Manager, if you have any concerns or ideas about membership services and programming. We want to continue to help cities in any way we can, whether it is the emergency of the day or brainstorming to plan for the future. With your input, we can continue to provide the resources you need to help your city succeed.



Neil Hackworth  
KLC's Deputy Executive Director

**MEET ME AT KLC**

**We are on the Road and at Your Service!**



KLC's "Road Warrior" group was formed in mid 2004 at the suggestion of the KLC Board of Directors. They meet regularly to discuss feedback from cities and how best to assist members in finding service enhancement and solutions to issues.

Each person has his or her own area of expertise, and is familiar with all the products and services KLC has to offer. For members, this means that you can talk to anyone in the field with suggestions or questions.

Another ongoing goal for KLC is to make contact with members more strategic and valuable.

Finally, they serve as eyes and ears for all of us at KLC. They will share your good news and best practices with the rest of the world via our publications and website.

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**At Your Service:**

**Leah Adkins**, Contract Marketing Representative, is the newest member of the Road Warriors team. Leah will be visiting our member cities listening to their needs and offering valuable assistance from KLC. (ladkins@klc.org or ext 4173)

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## THE LAST WORD FIRST

### NLC: It Benefits You; You Benefit It



We hear it over and over again, how we are stronger together than we are alone. We know this is true. Yet, we too often see our city officials shrug their shoulders when we tell them of an issue of great importance that happens not to be something important in their own hometown, but may be important to another.

As we approach springtime in Kentucky, I'm reminded of the efforts we make in Washington each year to lobby on a national scale, for you, our member cities. What I'm most aware of is how many of you we represent and how important each of you is to our overall success.

That being said, I want to take a few moments to encourage you to think seriously about your city joining the National League of Cities. It is so powerful for us to have you at our side when we go to Washington to learn about the impact of federal issues on your cities and perhaps visit with the Kentucky delegation. Each city and town in Kentucky has the opportunity to become members if they are also members of our Kentucky League. Your dues are scaled according to your city population.

Just like being a member of KLC, when you're from an NLC member city or town and actively involved with NLC, you have an opportunity to better serve your constituents, by not only improving and strengthening your skills but also by providing them with a wealth of information that you've gained through networking and exchanging ideas with others. Also, as a member of NLC, you have many opportunities to participate in a wide range of programs and services and to access a wealth of resources - most of them free or at significant discounts.

There are many more benefits, which are detailed on their website at [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org). I hope that you will take a look and learn more about what the National League of Cities can do for you and your efforts within your hometown. It sends a strong message to our national electorate that Kentuckians are paying attention to what is happening on the larger front and noting how it is impacting us back at home.

Sincerely,

*Sylvia L. Lovely*  
Sylvia L. Lovely  
KLC Executive Director/CEO

## EXTREME MAKEOVER

### KLC Direct - 77.4% Per Unit Savings Since 2003!



KLC Direct's "Old" Format

How'd we do that? The "old" 8.5 x 11 *KLC Direct* was not expensive, but the new design is done internally, and is printed on one big piece of paper, which does not require cutting, stapling, or stitching, hence big savings!

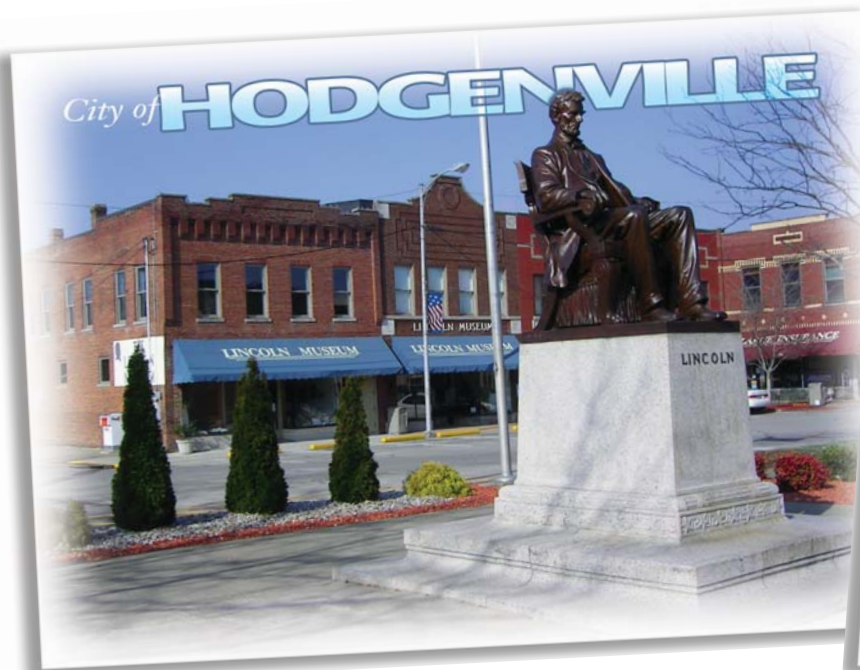
In 2003, the KLC Communications Department gave *KLC Direct* a facelift. We hope we're on track, communicating with KLC stakeholders with succinct, timely, city-focused information. But we want your feedback!

Another thing we want you to know is how we strive to be good stewards of KLC dollars - in all areas including communications. We know some folks may think *KLC Direct's* new look makes it more expensive, but the fact is, although it's going to nearly 1,000 more people monthly, we're saving KLC members 77% with the new design.

Watch for a very short reader survey in the April issue of *KLC Direct*. We welcome your photos, stories and feedback anytime. With suggestions, comments or with content ideas, contact Terri Johnson, Senior Marketing & Communications Manager at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3784 or [tjohnson@klc.org](mailto:tjohnson@klc.org).

## CITY POSTCARD

### A Look at the City of Hodgenville



**Mayor:** Roger Truitt

**Population:** 2,874

**Location:** LaRue County, in western central Kentucky, just 12 miles southeast of Elizabethtown.

**History:** Hodgenville was named after Robert Hodgen, who built a mill and farm in 1788 on the land which is now the modern day city limits. Hodgenville is perhaps most famous for its proximity to the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. The 16th president of the United States was born just three miles south of Hodgenville in a one room log cabin on February 12, 1809.

Today, a national monument stands on this site, exhibiting symbols of Lincoln's early years in Kentucky.

**Festivals:** Reflecting its strong ties to President Lincoln, Hodgenville hosts the annual "Lincoln Days" festival, which occurs the second weekend of October. The festival includes pioneer games, rail splitting contests, a 10K run, parade, car show, art displays, even an Abe Lincoln look-alike contest. Hodgenville also hosts the summer farmer's market, and the "Christmas on Lincoln Square" celebration in late November or early December.

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### Site to See

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## FROM THE FIELD



### City Government Month 2005

Pictured below, Dawson Springs Mayor Stacia Peyton chats with fifth grader Ben Puckett during a recent Dawson Springs city council meeting. Ben was elected "mayor" of his fifth grade social studies as the city and local schools collaborated to celebrate City Government Month.



### Owensboro Making News

Alphonso Jackson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, recently announced that the **City of Owensboro** is one of 20 state and local governments to receive a national HOME Doorknocker Award for outstanding work in providing affordable housing to low-income and underserved people. Owensboro's award is for the Baptist Town Redevelopment Project, completed in 2003.

In addition, Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson bestowed the 17th Annual Mayor's Awards of Excellence recently at Owensboro City Hall.

Among recipients were Joe Survant, Owensboro native and Poet Laureate of Kentucky, the 2004 Southern All-Stars 11- and 12-year-old Little League team which made it all the way to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA, former Owensboro Mayor Waymond Morris and actor Johnny Depp, also an Owensboro native.

### Coleman Reappointed to Prestigious Board

Paducah Commissioner **Robert A. Coleman** was recently reappointed for a three-year term to the position of lay member of the Kentucky Bar Association Board of Governors for Lawyer Discipline. The appointment was made by Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph H. Lambert.

### Lovely is Keynote Speaker at Sustainable Communities Conference

KLC Executive Director and CEO Sylvia L. Lovely, who also serves as president of the NewCities Foundation (NCF), along with Tad Long, NCF Senior Business Advisor were keynote speakers at the Building Sustainable Communities in the 21st Century Conference in Savannah, Georgia, on January 28 - 29. The event was hosted by the Leadership Training Institute of the National League of Cities and attracted leaders from around the country.

On January 11, *The Kentucky Gazette* bestowed three awards to individuals who have advanced the profession of government relations including KLC's Executive Director/CEO, Sylvia L. Lovely, who received the "Legacy of Advocacy" for her widely recognized success in the field of public policy advocacy.



## LEGISLATIVE FLASH

### KLC President Cartmell meets and greets at City Night



1. Mayor David Cartmell with Senate President David Williams (R-16); 2. Cartmell with Representative Rocky Adkins (D-99); 3. (l-r) Representative Dennis Keene (D-67), Representative Jon Draud (R-63) and Newport Mayor Tom Guidugli; 4. Cartmell with Speaker of the House Jody Richards (D-20)

## SHOW ME THE MONEY

### Children in our Communities are Hungry - Your City can Help Through USDA Grants

Nearly half a million Kentucky children live at or below double the poverty line, according to 2003 US Census data. During the school year, low-income children receive free or reduced-priced meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. During the summer, however, many children go hungry or do not receive the nutritious meals they need to grow and develop appropriately.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) can help fill this hunger gap. Community-based organizations with summer activities are not aware that federal funds are available to provide free meals and snacks to children in needy areas during the summer.

Any school, local government agency, faith-based or nonprofit organization can sponsor the Summer Food Service Program. To download additional information and materials from USDA and KY DOE, go to: [www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer) and [www.kyeascn1.state.ky.us/nutrition/summer.asp](http://www.kyeascn1.state.ky.us/nutrition/summer.asp).

For further information, please contact either Steve Smith or Jaci Williams with the Kentucky Department of Education at 502-564-5625.

### Call for Nominations: 2005 James C. Howland Award for Municipal Enrichment

Has your city or town made a significant difference in the quality of life for your community? The National League of Cities 2005 James C. Howland Award for Municipal Enrichment honors cities of all population sizes in four categories.

Award criteria include innovation, local government implementation and the measurable benefit to both community and local government. A complete listing of the criteria, eligibility requirements, additional information, and a nomination form is available online at [www.nlc.org/resources\\_for\\_cities/awards\\_recognition/118.cfm](http://www.nlc.org/resources_for_cities/awards_recognition/118.cfm). The deadline for entry is June 16, 2005.

For more information, please contact the National League of Cities at 202-626-3000 or write to [kelly@nlc.org](mailto:kelly@nlc.org).



## RENEWALS 2005!

Important Insurance Information . . .

The Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services (KLCIS) renewals process is well underway. Renewal applications were mailed several weeks ago and were due February 28, 2005. Renewal premiums will be released in May. For any information on the renewal process, contact Linda Shearer (accounts A-K) by email at [lshearer@klc.org](mailto:lshearer@klc.org) or Suzanne Reed (accounts L-Z) by email at [sreed@klc.org](mailto:sreed@klc.org) or call 800-876-4552.

## BIG IDEAS/INNOVATIONS



### The ADR Story:

#### *Once upon a time there was a potential lawsuit*

Thirty-two cities and more than 680 employees are benefiting from the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program, offered at no cost to Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services (KLCIS) members. Upon participation, those cities instantly saved 5% on their KLCIS Public Officials Liability insurance. The purpose the ADR mediation program is to cut down on costly legal and human resource disputes and claims, while increasing employee satisfaction. KLCIS contracts with Moberly & Associates of Versailles, Kentucky, an objective third party, to conduct all mediations.

The following story illustrates how a mediation can work in the fictitious city of Deerville, USA.

Jane Doe, a city employee for 18 years, started as patrol officer for the Deerville Police Department and has advanced to the rank of sergeant in the traffic patrol division. Sergeant Doe plans to retire once she has completed 20 years of service with the department.

The City of Deerville has a good record of promoting females and minorities from the rank of sergeant to the rank of captain. Departmental policy requires that a number of issues always be considered in making any promotion including, but not limited to, time in grade, education & training, records of service in past positions, etc. Recently, a male sergeant with 12 years of service in the department was promoted to a captain's position left vacant by retirement. Following the city's employee manual, Sergeant Doe filed a grievance stating that she did not receive the promotion that she felt she was entitled to based on her seniority. The city denied her grievance.

Sergeant Doe sent a letter to the Mayor stating her intent to seek legal remedies for discrimination, claiming she was denied the promotion because of her gender. Deerville participates in KLC's ADR program and Sergeant Doe, like all city employees, signed an agreement when the city joined the program. The agreement states that the employee will participate in mediation for alleged violations of state and federal law. Sergeant Doe filed the

required paperwork to begin the mediation process.

Within two weeks, the mediation began. Sergeant Doe and the Mayor arrived on the appointed date and the mediator briefly explained the process to both parties and then allowed both parties to explain their issues uninterrupted. During her turn to talk, Sergeant Doe stated, "I'm planning to retire in two years and the city's failure to promote me will adversely affect me because it will lessen the amount I receive when I retire." After the Mayor explained the city's reasons for denying the grievance, the mediator separated both parties and talked to them individually.

During his discussion with Sergeant Doe, the mediator suggested that because the city had a good record of promoting females and minorities, and that discrimination based on gender might be difficult to prove in court (even though her claims may be well-founded) an alternative to litigation might be to ask the city to make a monetary offer. She agreed to present the city with a \$4,000.00 offer. This amount would be placed in an account to earn interest until she would receive it upon retirement.

The mediator left Sergeant Doe. Next the mediator presented the offer to the Mayor and discussed the city's potential liability. The Mayor recognized the potential liability, but she was afraid of "setting a dangerous precedent" in making a monetary offer. After giving some thought to the situation, the Mayor agreed to make a counter offer of \$3,000.00 with the understanding that the Mediated Agreement would state that the city admitted no wrong in making such an offer and that all city policies were followed in making the recent promotion.

The mediator then made contact with KLC Insurance Services (KLCIS) and they agreed to pay the proposed amount rather than incurring costly litigation expenses. The mediator took the city's counter offer back to Sergeant Doe who agreed to accept the offer. A mediation agreement was prepared and signed to the satisfaction of both parties.

This example of the mediation process illustrates how your city can benefit from this valuable no-fee service provided to KLCIS insurance participants. Another happy ending through the KLCIS ADR program.

*For more information, contact KLC Membership Services Coordinator Joe O'Nan at [jonan@klc.org](mailto:jonan@klc.org) or 800-876-4552 ext 3750.*



5. Cartmell with Springfield Mayor Mike Haydon and Representative Mike Denham (D-70); 6. Cartmell with (l-r) Senator David Boswell (D-8), Senator Ed Worley (D-34), KLC's Phillip Huddleston and Richmond Mayor Connie Lawson; 7. Frankfort Mayor Bill May (l) with Lawrenceburg Mayor Bobby Sparrow; 8. Dept. of Intergovernmental Programs Commissioner Bill Nighbert (l) with Representative James Comer (R-53); 9. (l-r) Senator Julian Carroll (D-7) with Representative Steve Nunn (R-23) and Tracey Nunn



## LAW ABIDING

### New State Law will Require Cities to Amend Occupational License Tax Ordinances

HB 107 and HB 438 enacted in the 2003 and 2004 legislative sessions require cities and other local governments with occupational license taxes to amend their occupational license tax ordinances by January 1, 2006. The purpose of the new laws is to create a uniform method of apportionment of net profits and gross receipts in every local taxing jurisdiction.

While January may seem distant, cities should immediately begin working with their city attorneys, finance directors, and treasurers to start the process of bringing their ordinances into compliance. The legislation, now codified at KRS 67.750 to KRS 67.795, also contains

uniform provisions for addressing issues such as record retention requirements for business entities, refund requirements, extensions, and auditing. City ordinances will have to meet these state requirements by the January 1 deadline as well.

The Kentucky League of Cities, in conjunction with the Kentucky Occupational License Tax Administrators Association, has developed model ordinances for cities to use in revamping their occupational ordinance. City governments may obtain the model ordinances by contacting the KLC Legal Department at 800-876-4552 or by email at [jchaney@klc.org](mailto:jchaney@klc.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Educate, Celebrate, Participate

#### MARCH 2005

- 18** **Local Government Code Enforcement**  
Murray City Hall (Council Chambers)  
Murray, Kentucky  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CST)
- 31** **Planning & Zoning to Meet HB 55 Requirement**  
Ed-Tech Center  
Marion, Kentucky  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### APRIL 2005

- 13** **Abandoned, Blighted, and Tax Delinquent Properties**  
Pontotoc Community Center  
Fulton, Kentucky  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 23** **Planning & Zoning to Meet HB 55 Requirement**  
Westside Church of Christ Fellowship Hall  
Elkton, Kentucky  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information or to register online, visit KLC's website at [www.klc.org/leadership](http://www.klc.org/leadership). With questions, contact Karen Butcher at 800-876-4552, or [kbutter@klc.org](mailto:kbutter@klc.org).

## We Want to Hear from You!

To submit a story or commentary for KLC *Direct* departments, please contact the KLC staff listed or go to [www.klc.org](http://www.klc.org). For overall feedback, contact Terri Johnson at 1-800-876-4552, ext. 3784, or [tjohnson@klc.org](mailto:tjohnson@klc.org).

## FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

### Dear KLC Membership:

*Cities United!* is the reverberating rally cry and how exciting it is to see it in action! Thank you for your overwhelming response to our ongoing campaign to have city voices heard, particularly during our City Night event on February 8th. It is this type of active response that helps your elected state officials understand the wants and needs of cities in the Commonwealth. Now, as we move beyond the session consider these steps as year-round legislative strategies.

**Be well informed.** Review and come up to speed on the legislative agenda that Kentucky cities are pursuing this session. If you have questions or need clarification, do not hesitate to call KLC's Director of Governmental Affairs, Jerry Deaton at 800-876-4552.

**Stay connected.** Follow up with your legislators and tell them how much you appreciated visiting with them at City Night. If you did not see them at the event, let them know you missed them and hope to see them soon to talk about issues that are important to your community. Establish lines of communication with them and ask them to always be mindful of cities when considering issues.

**Designate a point person.** This person will be responsible for keeping your city abreast of legislative bulletins and for dispersing information. If you haven't done so already, please put in place a call-tree for notifying city employees, elected city officials and other interested parties of the status of issues and for

activating them to contact legislators at strategic times throughout the session in the effort to impact the outcome of legislation which is important to cities.

**Get personally acquainted.** Invite your legislators to address city officials during the session, or afterwards, to talk about legislative issues. Remember consistent communication with legislators is vital! Face-to-face visits, phone calls, letters, emails, etc. are paramount to our voices being heard.

**Respond quickly to KLC's alerts.** Our legislative briefs and alerts come to you electronically and often need immediate action on your part. Remember to give us a copy of letters you write in response to one of our requests.

**Say thank you.** Upon adjournment of the Kentucky General Assembly, send legislators expressions of gratitude for their work on any specific measure which impacted cities. Create opportunities to thank them publicly for their hard work on behalf of Kentucky cities and your city in particular.

**Apply the golden rule.** Approach your legislators the way you, as a city official, want to be approached by your constituents – with courtesy and respect.

Sincerely,

*David W. Cartmell*      *Sylvia L. Lovely*  
David W. Cartmell, KLC President & Sylvia L. Lovely, Executive Director/CEO



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Your **Kentucky League of Cities** membership matters to you . . .

. . . here is what *we have done* for you lately.

Did you know that base rates for KLC membership dues have increased by only \$10 over the last year? Yet the value of member benefits through savings and services has increased by thousands of dollars.

**How?** Due to the tremendous success of KLC's insurance, finance, IT and other enterprise services. Thanks to your city's participation in these programs, all profits are reinvested in member services to benefit your city!



**As the largest insurer of municipalities in Kentucky, KLCIS/KLCIA:**

- ◆ Insured 8,293 municipal vehicles, 58 police dogs, 6,479 miles of streets, 18,930 municipal employees, and municipal property valued at nearly \$2.3 billion
- ◆ Created a convenient, user-friendly insurance portal which provides insurance customers access to their policy and claims information 24/7
- ◆ Launched the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program to help resolve employee disputes, prevent costly litigation, and provide a 5% discount on public officials liability insurance
- ◆ Trained 2,122 police officers with the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) Program at 40 sites insured by the KLCIS Liability Insurance program
- ◆ Awarded 97 safety grants totaling \$169,000 to KLCIS Workers' Compensation Program members used for hard hats, hearing protection, traffic vests, safety training, police in-car video systems, and trenching/shoring equipment



**Insurance Services/Insurance Agency**  
*We've Got You Covered*



**IT/Economic Development Services**

- ◆ Hosted 68 Reverse Auction online events resulting in savings of 6.4% below benchmark estimates for 34 participating cities and governmental agencies
- ◆ Assisted 10 cities with website development
- ◆ Assisted seven cities with producing web video streaming and street banners
- ◆ Assisted 11 cities and governmental entities with disposal of surplus property



**Legislative Advocacy Services**

- ◆ Supported the passage of the Law Enforcement Citation Fee (HB 413) which will generate an anticipated \$8M annually in public safety funding for local governments
- ◆ Prevented health insurance legislation (HB 103) that would have cost our cities millions annually
- ◆ Reviewed all bills filed in the 2004 session and tracked over 200 bills with potential city government impact

### Financial Services

- ◆ Issued \$10,000,000 for two housing authorities in KY through the Capital Funds Loan Program
- ◆ Issued \$50,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds for the latest KLC Bond Pool, which provided borrowers with an average interest rate of under 2.0% for 2004
- ◆ Loaned \$24,500,000 to 21 cities and agencies through the KLC Bond Pool Program
- ◆ Financed projects include a city-owned cable system, utility projects, water & sewer projects, city hall renovations, police camera systems, fire stations and fire trucks, city vehicles, golf course, community center, and road projects

### Policy Development/Research Services

- ◆ Received and tracked an average of 50 research inquiries each month in 2004
- ◆ Gathered and published 98 percent of city election results within two days of the November elections
- ◆ Published KLC's legislative priorities, issue papers, and research reports
- ◆ Published the Kentucky Cities Primer
- ◆ Conducted the biennial annual Wage and Salary Survey
- ◆ Maintained a statewide database of city finances
- ◆ Managed a library of more than 5,000 resource materials

### Member Legal Services

- ◆ Handled 1,957 calls from 154 different cities
- ◆ Authored the *City Officials Legal Handbook*, available online at [www.klc.org](http://www.klc.org)
- ◆ Developed a City Attorney List-Serve to facilitate improved communication among city attorneys regarding issues related to the representation of city governments
- ◆ Created the Legal Advocacy Program to represent the collective legal interests of KLC member cities in the courts throughout the Commonwealth

### Leadership Training Programs

- ◆ Trained more than 1,100 city officials from 193 cities
- ◆ Presented training certificates to 28 city officials participating in the 2004 Public Officials Essential Skills Institute Program
- ◆ Conducted 22 training sessions through the KLC Host City Program
- ◆ Provided training to 152 newly elected officials at five regional City Official Orientations

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