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### **Village Of Weston Honored for Good Government Practices**

Green Bay, Wis. – The village of Weston has been selected to receive a 2006 Foth & Van Dyke Good Government Award for its outstanding efforts in intergovernmental cooperation, and its innovative programs to provide services with fewer resources. The award will be presented Friday, October 13, 2006, at the annual conference of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities in Madison. The Good Government Award program was established in 2003 by consulting engineering firm Foth & Van Dyke to recognize effective examples of local intergovernmental cooperation in the state. The award is presented in cooperation with the League, and with the Wisconsin Counties Association.

“We believe broader recognition of intergovernmental cooperation will help foster its growth,” said Tim J. Weyenberg, Foth & Van Dyke’s chief executive officer. “Everyone in the state benefits from the improved efficiencies that result when governments work together, and when governments find creative ways to do more with less in these tough budgetary times.”

In its award nomination, Weston cited its successful implementation of :

- A partnership agreement with the city of Wausau for purchase of a new aerial fire truck, along with staffing and maintenance agreements.
- Police services via the Everest Metro Police Department, with the city of Schofield and the town of Weston.

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- Joint street maintenance and related services with the town of Weston.

Independently, the village has put in place an innovative program to address cash flow at its aquatic center; a pavement and compost recovery/reuse center; and a policy that directs the village to reuse existing buildings where possible for municipal purposes, rather than constructing new.

Nominations for the Good Government Award were submitted in late July and are open to any Wisconsin city, village, town or county. An independent panel of judges evaluates the award entries. Judges for the 2006 program included: the Hon. N. Patrick Crooks, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice; Todd Berry, President, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance; Jim Haney, President, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce; and David Storey, Deputy Director, Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce.

In addition to the village of Weston, Walworth County, and Waukesha County in southeast Wisconsin were selected to receive 2006 Good Government Awards.

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