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City Manager, Opal Mauldin-Robertson Credentialed by International Local Government Management Organization

Lancaster, TX – Opal Mauldin-Robertson, City Manager of the City of Lancaster, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. Ms. Mauldin-Robertson is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by promoting professional management worldwide and increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's nearly 9,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees. To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

“This is a great personal and professional achievement for Opal”, said Mayor Marcus E. Knight, “City Council is proud of her for her commitment to her profession we are very fortunate to have her as our City Manager.”

Opal Mauldin-Robertson was appointed City Manager for the City of Lancaster, Texas in February of 2011. Opal has been serving the residents of Lancaster since March 2003, previously as Community Relations Coordinator, Assistant to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Interim City Manager. The City of Lancaster under Opal's leadership has experienced two bond rating increases in three years without issuing or restructuring debt. Despite the “great recession” the City of Lancaster has successfully established rainy day fund goals and met or exceeded these annually without decreasing service quality or service level. Her leadership philosophy is continuous improvement and excellence in service quality and delivery to the residents of Lancaster.

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Ms. Mauldin-Robertson attended Arp Public Schools for her primary and secondary education, and completed her undergraduate (BBA) and graduate (MPA) studies at the University of Texas at Arlington. She has received various awards and recognitions and completed numerous certification and training programs including being a 2005 graduate of Leadership Southwest, 2010 graduate of Leadership ICMA, 2012 graduate of the Texas State University, Texas Certified Public Manager Program and 2014 graduate of Leadership North Texas. Ms. Mauldin-Robertson has received various awards for her service to the community. She currently serves on the Best Southwest Partnership Board of Directors, and the North Texas Commission Board of Directors. She is a member of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA), International City/County Management Association (ICMA), North Texas City Management Association, 2014/2015 Vice President (NTCMA), the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

For more information regarding the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program, contact Jenese Jackson at ICMA, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., #500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201; jjackson@icma.org; 202-962-3556.

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