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Mankato City Manager Pat Hentges receives Excellence in Service Award from CGMC

ST. PAUL—Mankato City Manager Pat Hentges was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Aug. 3 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Fergus Falls for his excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Excellence in Service Award is given annually to a city leader who demonstrates knowledge, leadership and active participation in CGMC program areas over the past year.

As a member of the CGMC Board of Directors and co-chair of the CGMC Environmental Committee, Hentges was instrumental in shaping the Coalition’s environmental program this year. In particular, he led efforts to organize cities in the Minnesota River Basin to work together to bring concerns about environmental issues and new regulations to the attention of other stakeholders, lawmakers and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. He was also active in the CGMC’s efforts to pursue common-sense regulatory reform at the Legislature. He helped shed light on this issue by co-writing a guest column with Moorhead Mayor Del Rae Williams that outlined the reasons why cities deserve a louder voice in the regulatory process. The column was published in newspapers across the state.

“Pat has been a strong leader on the CGMC Board for many years,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “He uses his knowledge and experience to fight for state policies that will benefit not only his city, but communities all across Minnesota.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 90 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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