

IAP2 USA Launches New Government Agency Membership

Today, governments across the country are adopting public participation ordinances and creating guidelines to better engage their residents in making decisions. To continue to encourage this trend, IAP2 USA has created a new government membership. For one flat rate, all employees within the organization can receive the following IAP2 member benefits.

- BEST PRACTICES: Access to public participation resources and a network of public participation professionals. These include monthly learning webinars, the Journal of Public Deliberation, monthly newsletters, research and more.
- TRAINING: Discounts for group training, participation in Skills Symposiums and conferences. In-house training is
 also available. IAP2 USA would be pleased to work with you to ensure that your staff gets top notch training at a
 reduced rate.
- **CONNECTIONS**: Connection to government public participation practitioners not only in the USA but from around the world.
- LOCAL EVENTS: Involvement in local chapter events and more. Start a local chapter if not one in your area.
- **RECOGNITION:** Opportunity to apply for and potentially win one of IAP2 USA Core Values Awards and International awards.
- **CERTIFICATION:** Qualified staff can apply to be a certified practitioner.

JOIN TODAY!

Joining is simple. Simply go to www.iap2usa.org and click on JOIN US. Select the government membership and sign up based on the total number of employees in the organization. After you pay by credit card or request an invoice, simply send us a list of employees who would like to be added to the membership directory and receive our monthly e-news. Then get ready and participate to learn how you can create healthier communities through enhanced civic engagement.

Eligibility:

Any government entity governed by a publicly elected body. (For example, cities, counties, regional authorities, school districts, citizen-owned utilities, state and federal agencies.) If a bureau/department of a government entity wants to sign up there must be a minimum of 1,000 employees within that bureau/department. Smaller bureaus/departments can still join as a group membership where the fee is based on the actual number of members participating. Annual Membership Fee:

"The City of Fort Lauderdale's motto is 'We Build Community.' The City understands that effective community building requires active and thoughtful public participation. IAP2 gives our community leaders the resources and knowledge to reach our neighbors and build community in a comprehensive and inclusive manner." Ryan Henderson, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Membership Fees

Category	Number of Employees*	Annual Fee**
Gov Level 1	1-50	\$260
Gov Level 2	51-200	\$390
Gov Level 3	201-1,000	\$475
Gov Level 4	1,001-2,500	\$650
Gov Level 5	2,501-5,000	\$950
Gov Level 6	5,001-10,000	\$1,250
Gov Level 7	10, 001 -15,000	\$1,750
Gov Level 8	Over 15,001	\$3,000

^{*}Employee number is based on number people with an organizational email address.

"The City of Longmont is dedicated to genuine community involvement of our residents in their government. IAP2 gives our local facilitators wonderful resources, articles, training and a network to be able to reach out from our city into the rest of the world of public participation." Sandra Seader, Assistant City Manager, City of Longmont, Colorado

Show the Nation your community's support for Public Participation!

Mayor's across the country are taking the IAP2 USA's Core Value Pledge by signing a proclamation promising their community will include residents in making decisions that affect them. If your community is interested in taking the Pledge, contact IAP2 USA staff at info@iap2usa.org.

You can join IAP2 USA without signing the Pledge. However, as an extra bonus for joining our grassroots coalition for enhanced public participation, your organization will receive a 10% discount on their first year membership.

^{**} Flat fee - unlimited number of staff can sign up as members.