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News Release

AMM welcomes community leaders

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, MUNICIPAL INNOVATION AWARD TOP AGENDA

February 23, 2007 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will hold its annual Municipal Officials Seminar and Trade Show (MOS) Monday and Tuesday, February 26 & 27 at the Brandon Keystone Centre. Approximately 700 municipal officials from across Manitoba are expected to attend.

“MOS is an event that gives our members across the province an opportunity to hear about some of the most critical issues facing Manitoba municipalities today, from top-notch speakers who are all experts in their fields,” said AMM President, Ron Bell.

Monday morning will begin with opening remarks at 9:00 followed by the presentation of the 3rd Annual Municipal Innovation Award, with five finalists vying for this year’s award. The first policy session of the day is scheduled for 10:00 am and focuses on *public private partnerships*. Sessions on *recycling, health care recruitment and retention, community economic development*, and many other topics will follow.

“Public private partnerships are something we have been hearing a great deal about lately,” explains President Bell. “The fiscal imbalance has resulted in municipalities having to find creative ways to fund many projects. This session will examine how partnering with the private sector works and get our members thinking about whether it is an avenue they might wish to explore in their own communities.”

Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Honourable Steve Ashton is scheduled to speak at 10:00 am on Tuesday, followed by a day of professional development sessions.

Running concurrently with MOS is Manitoba’s largest municipal trade show event, featuring over 100 booths. The trade show takes place on Monday, February 26 from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm.

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The complete agenda is available on the AMM website at http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_seminar.html.