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Announcing the 2018 International Professional Exchange Program – applications now open to local government professionals for the trip of a lifetime to the United States

Local Government Professionals Australia is calling for applications to participate in the 2018 International Professional Exchange Program (IPEP) to the United States. The program is part of an agreement between LG Professionals Australia and the International Country/County Managers Association of the USA (ICMA).

'It's a terrific initiative,' says Ricki Bruhn, LG Professionals Australia National President. 'It provides local government professionals a fantastic opportunity to focus on their professional development and career through a short exchange with a partner local government practitioner and their council in the US.'

IPEP is aimed at senior managers who wish to enhance their career through professional development, establish international networks and benefit from an exchange of ideas.

To be eligible, candidates must be a current member of the relevant LG Professionals / LGMA / LG Pro office in your state and must have held that membership for a minimum of six months prior to the application closing date.

The Exchange visits will be scheduled around the LG Professionals Australia National Congress taking place from 22-24 August 2018 in Canberra and the ICMA 104th Annual Conference taking place from 23-26 September 2018 in Baltimore, United States.

'Exchange participants will have the opportunity to attend both annual events - the major annual, national local government events in each country, as well as participate in a host council exchange,' says Ricki.

Participants of LG Professionals Australia's National Congress, Australasian Management Challenge and mentors of LG Professionals Australia International Mentoring Program are strongly encouraged to apply. More details about the program and selection criteria are in the following link:

<https://www.lgprofessionalsaustralia.org.au/international-professional-exchange-program.html>.

Applications close on 14 May 2018.

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