

# Envelope please! The WCIA Risk Management Recognition Award goes to...City of Burlington.

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The WCIA Member Risk Management Recognition Award program was developed in 2017. The award formally recognizes a member for excellence in risk management. The award is given to a member that has developed and/or implemented an innovative risk management idea, program, or project aimed to reduce the frequency and severity of member losses. Loss prevention and loss reduction improve the bottom line for both the individual member and WCIA pool membership as a whole.

WCIA presented the 2018 award to the City of Burlington for the City's Risk Management Manual. The City was recognized at the WCIA Full Board meeting on January 18. WCIA also presented the award at Burlington's City Council meeting on February 28 to Mayor Steve Sexton and the other city councilmembers. Shelley Acero, Burlington's Risk Manager, was responsible for the development of the manual; she was acknowledged for her hard work by Mayor Sexton and the other city councilmembers.



Burlington's risk management manual incorporates the City's risk management processes and programs in one place and is a terrific resource tool for staff. In developing the manual, Shelley Acero envisioned a one stop resource for risk related questions and forms. The manual provides employees with information and templates encompassing a variety of risk topics concerning liability prevention and employee safety. The City of Burlington's strong commitment to risk management is captured on the cover page of the manual:

*The City of Burlington is committed to continual improvement, and we believe that public entities owe a high degree of care when dealing with citizen tax dollars. Thus, providing sound risk management policies is a high priority for the City of Burlington.*

**Congratulations to the City of Burlington!**