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Board of Selectmen Town of Arlington 730 Massachusetts Avenue Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Members of the Board of Selectmen,

Congratulations! The Town of Arlington is being recognized with an award certificate for placing among the top three municipalities in Category 1 (population 12,500 plus) of the MMA's Annual Town Report contest. Town Reports serve to communicate important information to town residents, and promote an understanding of and involvement in local government. The MMA applauds your efforts in making this publication an effective tool for your community. The independent judging process has been completed and the results of the contest are attached.

We will present the award certificates to the award winners at the President's Reception and Awards Ceremony as part of the MMA's 2016 Annual Meeting and Trade Show at the Hynes Convention Center and Boston Sheraton Hotel. The awards ceremony and reception will be on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Constitution Ballroom of the Boston Sheraton Hotel. This reception will also recognize the winners of the Kenneth E. Pickard Municipal Innovation Award and Municipal Website Awards.

The MMA thanks Rene Wood and Tom Sharp who served as the judges for the contest. Rene is a former Selectman in the Town of Sheffield and Tom is a former Town Administrator in the Town of Erving.

We hope that you will be able to join us at this ceremony honoring your community's achievement. Please contact Victoria Sclafani at 617-426-7272 x161 or vsclafani@mma.org if you are able to attend, and let her know which representatives from your community will be there to accept the award. In addition, if you are interested in purchasing tickets for the Saturday Night Banquet, tables close to the entertainment can be reserved upon request for all winning communities.

Again, we congratulate you on an outstanding annual report and look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and Trade Show. If you have any questions or ever need assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at any time.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey C. Beckwith Executive Director



## 2016 Annual Meeting & Trade Show Town Report Contest

Winners by Category

## Category 1: Population 12,500 plus

- 1. Town of Chelmsford
- 2. Town of Barnstable
- 3. Town of Arlington

## Category 2: Population 5,000-12,499

- 1. Town of Topsfield
- 2. Town of Ashburnham
  - 3. Town of Adams

## Category 3: Population 4,999 and under

- 1. Town of Lanesborough
  - 2. Town of Edgartown
    - 3. Town of Truro

Contest Judges: Rene Wood and Tom Sharp