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**Wisconsin Local Government Institute:  
Transform Government by Consolidating and Delivering Services More Efficiently  
for Taxpayers**

*Comprehensive Report Released Today by Group Representing Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages*

It's time to transform government by consolidating service delivery and doing it more efficiently to save taxpayer dollars. Such is the message from a group representing all local units of government in Wisconsin, who today released a comprehensive report on how government can work smarter.

The Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (LGI), a collaboration of the associations representing the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association and the Alliance of Cities, released the results of the study today, *A Roadmap for Government Transformation*.

The study is intended to build upon the work of and take to implementation the results of other commissions and task forces organized over the past decades to make recommendations for streamlining local government.

This is the first report by LGI in an on-going research initiative to develop recommendations for aligning local government services within a region, reducing the cost of those services while preserving quality, and identifying alternatives for funding those services. The ability of local governments to cooperate regionally and the efficiency of local service delivery are key components affecting the economic competitiveness of Wisconsin.

LGI contracted with Baker Tilly to conduct this study, which is an evaluation of the structure of and relationship between local government in Wisconsin and the success factors for greater alignment between jurisdictions in a region.

Key findings include:

- Wisconsin has a history of successful intergovernmental cooperation for service delivery where necessity, convenience or regulation dictate. However there are further significant opportunities to achieve efficiencies;
- Reducing the units of government may not be as effective or practical for reducing the cost of government as cooperation to consolidate delivery of services and pool capital investments across a multi-jurisdictional service area;
- Successfully changing the way in which services are delivered within an area requires an approach that is unique to the local governments involved. A “one-size-fits-all” approach will not work given the wide range of local situations that exist across the state;

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- There are six factors that clearly contribute to the success of efforts to transform the delivery of public services within an area, notably:
  - ✓ Trust between leaders
  - ✓ Clear fiscal benefit
  - ✓ Collaborative leadership
  - ✓ Shared perception of need
  - ✓ Improved service quality
  - ✓ Community support

The full report titled [A Roadmap for Government Transformation](#) can be downloaded from the LGI website at [www.localgovinstitute.org](http://www.localgovinstitute.org).

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