Background. Mr. John E. Whitehurst served the State of North Carolina as a local government manager for his entire career; he was the County Manager for Bertie and Stanly Counties for 28 years. Mr. Whitehurst then served the North Carolina City and County Management Association (NCCCMA) as President from 1993-1994, as well as a Contract Project Manager for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) for 10 years. He managed the NC Debt Setoff Program, the EMS Enhanced Federal Medicaid Reimbursement program, and NCACC Collaborative Property Tax System. In 1996, the NCCCMA membership honored Mr. Whitehurst with the prestigious Life Membership for his contributions to our profession and Association. After Mr. Whitehurst’s retirement, he tirelessly and compassionately served the local government managers for more than 15 years as a Range Rider/Senior Advisor through NCCCMA and ICMA.

This award has been developed to honor North Carolina managers that follow Mr. Whitehurst’s example of consistency and diligence in his support of all local government professionals.

Minimum Qualifications. A candidate should meet the following qualifications:

- A minimum of 10 years of service in the local government management profession.
- A minimum of 10 years of good standing membership to the NCCCMA.
- A strong demonstration of commitment to professional development.
- A record of positive contributions to the local government profession.
- An undeniable history of supporting other local government professionals; this is an expectation of the award.
- While experience outside of the state of NC may be considered, the primary focus should be the candidate’s contributions to the members of the NCCCMA.
- The recommendation of at least three (3) members in good standing with the NCCCMA.

The John E. Whitehurst award should only be given to those who have gone above and beyond in their support of other local government professionals. This is the essence of the award; the individuals eligible for this award are those who have committed themselves to advancing the profession and the people who make up local government managers.

Nomination and Selection Process. Nominations must be submitted to the Membership Support Committee Chair. A minimum of three letters of recommendation must accompany the nomination form. The Membership Support Committee will review the nomination and if warranted, recommend the candidate to the NCCCMA Executive Committee. The Membership Support Committee may only recommend a candidate with a two-thirds supporting vote of the committee membership. Upon receiving a recommendation from the Membership Support Committee, the Executive Committee may approve the award with a majority vote. The award shall be presented at the NCCCMA’s Winter Seminar as a part of the President’s luncheon.
The John E. Whitehurst Service Award Nomination Form

Candidate’s Name: _________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________ E-mail: ______________________

Candidate’s Career Narrative (Last to First):
Name of Organization          Position Title          Years of Service
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Is the Candidate a current and/or former member of the NCCCMA? _____ Yes   _____ No
Years of NCCCMA membership: From ____________ to ____________

Please list other professional memberships:
Name of Organization          Dates
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Nominator’s Name: _________________________ Position: ___________________________

Nominator’s Telephone: _____________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Please attach a primary letter of nomination for the candidate. Include a description and examples of the candidate’s commitment to professional development, contributions, and positive influences on the local government management profession and to its practitioners. Include any additional attributes of the candidate that distinguish him or her from other practitioners. Also, include a minimum of three (3) additional professional letters of recommendations for the candidate.

Rob Shepherd, Secretariat, may be contacted at shepherd@sog.unc.edu to obtain or confirm information regarding the nominee’s service to NCCCMA.

Submission Deadline: Friday, November 19, 2021. Submit to Lloyd Payne, Chair of the Membership Support Committee, payne@concordnc.gov