

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **CITY OF ONTARIO RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION AWARD**

On April 19, 2017, the City of Ontario received the *Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award* for the submission “We’re M.A.D.” (Making A Difference). The City was honored at the Transforming Local Government Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma for creating a unique workplace environment that increases both productivity and enhances employee wellness.

The Administrative Services Agency of the City of Ontario has taken lead on this program to increase employee engagement in the workplace. The Administrative Services Agency provides support services to the citizens of Ontario and other departments in the areas of financial services, procurement services, and revenue services. The Agency also safeguards the City’s assets by establishing sound financial practices and procedures.

The core values of the M.A.D. program focus on the following: fun; friendship; healthy – mind, body, soul; whole person growth & learning; meaningful work; and higher purpose. The City believes that by connecting with colleagues in a holistic manner, employees provide even greater service to the community we serve.

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Each year, local governments are recognized at this conference from a diverse pool of the most innovative communities in the country from the Alliance for Innovation. The innovation awards have evolved from their inception in 2004, to address a growing need to recognize and celebrate creativity, innovation and those who are implementing creative workplaces in local government.

To learn more about the City's initiatives in workplace culture, please contact the Human Resources Department at (909) 395-2442 or visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov).

### **About the City of Ontario**

The City of Ontario is *Building A Better Tomorrow* with urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as Southern California's gateway. With three major interstates, two railroads and the Ontario International Airport, Ontario offers direct access from Los Angeles to the rest of California, and to North America. With approximately 170,000 residents and residential development on the rise, Ontario looks to double its population in the next 20 years, making it one of the 100 most populated Cities in the nation. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario dazzles with its amenities such as the Ontario Convention Center, Citizens Business Bank Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov) or call (909) 395-2000.

### **About the Alliance for Innovation**

The Alliance for Innovation is inspiring innovation to advance communities with the help of its partners Arizona State University (ASU) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Guided by research and real-world experience, the Alliance impacts organizations and communities, changing the way local government performs. They are accessible and valuable to all levels of an organization. To find out more about the Alliance for Innovation and how to join, visit [www.transformgov.org](http://www.transformgov.org) or contact the Alliance at [info@transformgov.org](mailto:info@transformgov.org) or (888) 496-0944.

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