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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MAYOR DEMARIA AND CITY OF EVERETT HOST STATEWIDE PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP**

On Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett recently hosted a statewide procurement workshop. The workshop included conversation and presentations about the numerous reforms to state laws related to municipal finance, human resources practices, administration, and procurement. A new law called the Municipal Modernization Act, that was passed last year, allows for expedited competitive bidding for contracts worth up to \$50,000 (increased from \$10,000 to \$35,000), a provision long sought by local procurement officials.

“The mission of the Purchasing Department is to acquire and dispose of supplies, services and real property at the best value to the City,” states Everett’s Chief Procurement Officer Robert Moreschi, “Mayor DeMaria was a strong supporter of the Municipal Modernization Act and because of the Act we can provide more efficient and effective services for our residents.”

The Municipal Modernization Bill was originally filed by Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito late last year. The Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) and local officials across the state, including Mayor DeMaria, showed strong support for the package, which benefits nearly every aspect of local government.

The procurement workshop held in Everett was designed for communities to share best practices. The Mayor welcomed employees of the Inspector General’s Office, Operational Services Division, and Procurement Officers and other public officials from several surrounding communities. The workshop was a result of Lieutenant Governor Polito’s listening sessions, where she met with officials from more than 130 municipalities. Local officials suggested changes that the Commonwealth could make to state regulations, laws, and mandates that would improve the delivery of services to constituents in the most cost-effective manner.

“As a result of Lieutenant Governor Polito’s listening sessions, we were honored to host this professional workshop in Everett,” states Mayor DeMaria, “This workshop has not only allowed us to develop a stronger working relationship with the state, but also

surrounding municipalities. We are eager to host more of these valuable educational workshops, for our federal, state and municipal partners. ”

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