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AMERICAN CITY & COUNTY MAGAZINE NAMES OCEAN SPRINGS ONE OF “AMERICA’S CROWN COMMUNITIES”

NEW YORK (December 26, 2012) – Penton’s *American City & County*® magazine today announced that 7 cities have been selected as 2012 “America’s Crown Communities.” *American City & County* presents the awards annually in recognition of outstanding leadership in local government. This year’s award winners are: Charleston County, S.C., Louisville, Ky., Lincoln, Neb., **Ocean Spring, Miss.**, Riverside, Calif., Sandwich, Mass., and West Monroe, La., A profile of each community’s winning project is featured in the December issue of the magazine.

Recipients of the annual awards are selected by the editors of *American City & County* based on nominations submitted by the magazine’s audience, city and county leaders, and associations. Any local government initiative substantially completed within the last year can qualify for the awards, including those that repair infrastructure, introduce new technology, improve quality of life for residents, or beautify public places. Entries are judged on uniqueness, short- and long-term value to the community, and effective/innovative financing.

“Despite the downturn in the economy, local government leaders produced a record number of winning Crown Communities’ projects,” said Bill Wolpin, editorial director and associate publisher of *American City & County*. “The judges had a tough time selecting because there were so many outstanding entries to choose from.”

The City of Ocean Springs submitted an application entitled, “Public Safety Complex: How We Got There,” which chronicled the story of the planning, construction, and opening of the Public Safety Complex, which houses the Ocean Springs Police Department, the Fire Department, Emergency Operations Center and the Municipal Court and Jail. The City was recognized by the Mississippi Municipal League as the “Best Overall City” because of this project at their annual conference in Biloxi in June 2012.

“The Board of Aldermen and I are honored that the City of Ocean Springs has been chosen as one of America’s “Crown Communities,” said Mayor Connie Moran. “The road to achieving our Public Safety Complex following Hurricane Katrina exemplifies the teamwork of our officials, city employees and support of our community. We thank Penton Media for this national recognition.”

American City & County has been the voice of state and local government since 1909. The magazine serves a nationwide audience of city and county officials who are charged with developing and implementing local government policy, programs and projects. *American City & County* is published monthly by Penton Media. For more information about the magazine, visit www.americancityandcounty.com.

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