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Dennis (DJ) Gehrt  
City Administrator  
City of Platte City  
400 Main Street  
Platte City, MO 64079  
djgehart@plattecity.org

**Subject: Leading the Way Award Winners**

Dear Mr. Gehrt:

On behalf of ETC Institute, **I want to congratulate the City of Platte City for winning our Leading the Way Award.**

ETC Institute's "Leading the Way Award" was created to recognize local governments for outstanding achievement in the delivery of services to residents. Recipients of the award rank in the top 10% of all local governments in the United States with regard to their composite performance in three core areas that are assessed on ETC Institute's DirectionFinder® Survey:

- satisfaction with the overall quality of services
- satisfaction with customer service provided by employees, and
- satisfaction with the value residents think they receive for local taxes and fees.

Since 1999, ETC Institute's DirectionFinder® Survey has been administered to nearly two million residents in all 50 states. Although ETC Institute has provided "benchmarking" data that has allowed communities, like Platte City, to compare your results with other communities for many years, ETC Institute did not formally recognize the top performers until this year.

**The City of Platte City is truly setting standard in many areas.** In addition to ranking in the top 10% overall, the City of Platte City rated in the **top 10% of all cities** in the areas listed below.

- Overall Value of Services Provided to Residents
- Customer Service
- Enforcement of Sign Regulations
- Flow of Traffic on City Streets



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More details about the Leading the Way Award are now available on our website,  
[www.etcinstitute.com](http://www.etcinstitute.com).

**Once again, congratulations to you, the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, and all City employees for your outstanding achievements!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher E. Tatham".

Christopher Tatham, CEO