

Biography

Jeff Towery

Jeff Towery began his career in Coos Bay, OR by serving as Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager Pro Tem and Assistant City Manager from February 1986 to May 1990. From there he went on to Cottage Grove, OR as the City Manager from June 1990 to March 1997 and held the same position in Auburn, NY from April 1997 to November 1998. In December 1998 he established Towery Consulting providing consulting services to local governments and other agencies until December 2005 on a part-time basis. In August 2001 Towery joined Lane County, OR as a Management Analyst II for one year and then served as the Land Management Manager until April 2007. He was hired as Assistant City Manager for the City of Springfield, OR in April 2007, serving in that position until June 2016. Towery became the City Manager for the City of McMinnville, OR in February 2017.

Towery holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Montana State University. He has served on a variety of boards and committees for several professional and community organizations including the International City/County Management Association, the Oregon Chapter of ICMA, United Way and Rotary. Towery served ICMA as President Elect, President and Past President from 2021-24. Previously he served a three-year term as one of three ICMA West Coast Vice-Presidents, sitting on the Committee for Professional Conduct (2015-16), the Membership Committee (2017) and Board Liaison to the Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee (2015) and Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee (2016-17). He served on the ICMA Model Employment Agreement Task Force and served on the 2020 Conference Planning Committee and 2021 Host Committee. He is married to Doris, and they have two children, Jared and Delores, one grandchild and another on the way.