

City of Sandy Springs Receives Japanese Intercultural Academy of Municipalities; Invites InterDev to be a Guest Participant

ALPHARETTA, GA – October 2, 2012 – InterDev, a leading Atlanta-area provider of information technology and security services, today announced that CEO Gary Nichols was a featured speaker during the Japanese Intercultural Academy of Municipalities (JIAM) visit to the City of Sandy Springs. JIAM chose the City of Sandy Springs to present on Outsourcing due to its highly successful public-private partnership (PPP) operating model, for which InterDev is the information technology contractor.

"PPPs are a proven model for reducing government expenses while improving citizen service levels, and Sandy Springs has garnered international attention with its efforts," said InterDev CEO Gary Nichols. "The Japanese are known for extraordinary efficiency in all areas of business, and the Sandy Springs model presented a perfect opportunity for this delegation to see success in action."

The JIAM delegation consisted of 17 individuals, who traveled to the U.S. to further their professional management skills to effectively respond to issues of globalization. Members of the delegation included chiefs of Administrative Reform groups, Administrative Strategy and Regional Policy divisions, and other leading positions within a variety of Japanese cities.

Nichols presented during the Contractor Perspective session, in which he answered such questions as how the consulting relationship with the city is structured and how his firm secures and trains the staff to meet city goals and requirements.

"We were gratified to participate in this session, and to be a continuing part of Sandy Springs' model of excellence. Since being chosen as its IT contractor in 2011, InterDev has helped the City adopt state-of-the-art technologies and better protect and secure its technology infrastructure and other vital resources. We look forward to continuing their journey to improvement during the second year of our just renewed contract," concluded Nichols.

About the City of Sandy Springs

Sandy Springs (pop. 93,583) is a city in north Fulton County, Georgia, United States. It is a northern suburb of Atlanta. For more information about the City of Sandy Springs, visit <u>www.sandyspringsga.gov</u>.

About the Japanese Intercultural Academy of Municipalities

JIAM is a collaborative, specialized and practical training facility whose mission is to aid the nation's municipalities in meeting the needs of a rapidly changing environment through a heightened degree of international understanding for the effective management of all public administration issues. JIAM is located in Shiga Prefecture, Japan. For more information, visit <u>http://www.jiam.jp/english/org.html</u>.

About InterDev

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