



Canton Council Member Pat Tanner received the prestigious Certificate of Excellence from the Georgia Municipal Training Institute at the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) Annual Mayors' Day Conference in Atlanta on January 23.

The Georgia Municipal Training Institute, a cooperative effort of GMA and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provides a nationally recognized series of training opportunities for elected city officials. To receive a Certificate of Excellence, a city official must complete a minimum of 120 units of credit. The training program consists of a series of more than 40 six-unit courses.

"This is an outstanding achievement," said GMA Executive Director Jim Higdon. "We commend Council Member Tanner for this accomplishment and for the dedication she's shown in using this valuable resource to become a more effective city official."

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, research, training, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its 500 member cities.