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Louisiana Municipal Association Convention Returns to Monroe

This week, the Monroe City Council and I welcome an estimated 1200 guests to Monroe to participate in the 82nd Annual Louisiana Municipal Association Convention. The LMA Convention was last hosted in Monroe back in 2013, and several people from throughout the state are still complimentary about our local hospitality.

I want to commend our 2019 Host Committee has been working with LMA Officials and the Monroe-West Monroe CVB to help plan and organize several components of the convention, which will be held at the Monroe Civic Center Thursday, August 1st through Saturday, August 3rd. Municipal and industry leaders from throughout the state will be in attendance as we participate in several workshop sessions.

Topics include such areas as: Municipal Water Systems, Purchasing Services, Millage Management, Grant Writing, Using 5G Technology, Employment and Labor Issues, Economic Development, and the 2020 Census.

The primary goal of this annual event is for municipal leaders to network, learn about and share best practices that can help move our cities, villages, and towns forward in a "smart and progressive" manner

By working together, we are making a difference. Monroe is one city, with one future!