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"Clearinghouse", a telephone network providing access to all members and technical staff in Washington. A number of regional workshops are held each year. The annual conference is held in Washington each spring.

**The National League of Cities is an important network of municipal administrators.**

**National League of Cities,  
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington D.C. 20004  
(202) 626-3000**

The NLC is the premier lobbying group of municipal governments in Washington. With a membership of 49 states and 1200 cities, the League develops a national urban policy through the "Priorities for America's Cities" statement which is tabled at annual "Congressional-City Conferences" held in Washington in March. These conferences are the principal forum through which cities impact on the federal budget and legislation. An annual "Congress of Cities" is held for the general membership in November or December (1987 congress is in Philadelphia).

Associate membership is available for \$750/year. Members receive a weekly newspaper "Nations Cities Weekly", weekly "Urban Affairs Abstracts", a directory of 9000 key municipal officials, and access to a large series of reports and monographs on urban issues.

**The National Trust is the key organization for historic preservation in the U.S.**

**National Trust for Historic Preservation  
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington D.C. 20036  
(202) 673-4000**

Aside from acting as a human resource and technical reference centre on historic preservation, the Trust also runs the National Main Street Centre. Regional offices are located in Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Charleston, Denver, Fort Worth and San Francisco.

The Main Street Centre sponsors numerous regional workshops and publishes a monthly newsletter "Main Street News". Membership in the National Main Street Network costs \$195/year (also includes membership in the National Trust). The National Trust publishes