

Local Government
Leadership: A Focus on
Minnesota's Iron Range

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Abstract Review

A survey of Iron Range cities was conducted to determine their connectedness to information networks and to measure their attitudes towards leadership structures. Anticipated results demonstrate that membership in professional organizations positively affects leadership and overall local government performance.

What is the "Iron Range"?

- Unique geographic/political entity
- Located in Northeastern MN
- Positioned atop natural iron ore and taconite
- Includes the Mesabi, Vermilion, & Cuyuna Ranges
- Provided the largest domestic iron ore supply for the American steel industry since the late 1800s
- Strong European heritage
- Votes a socially-conservative labor-friendly brand of Democrat
- Highly fluctuating economy due to the steel, mining, logging, and tourism industries



The Iron Range



Key Terms

- Iron Range Resources
- Taconite Assistance Area/Tax