

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns has negotiated with several organizations and businesses to obtain discounted or special services for VLCT member municipalities. These services are outlined below.

### **U.S. Communities**

Sponsored by the National League of Cities and VLCT, this government purchasing alliance allows smaller municipalities to piggyback on publicly bid government contracts assembled by larger municipalities, counties or school districts. In this way, your municipality can benefit from the best government pricing without having to rebid. U.S. Communities charges no fees to public agencies and requires no minimum purchase. It is managed by a committee of purchasing agents from large counties, cities and schools. For more information, contact [www.uscommunities.org](http://www.uscommunities.org) or Mike Gilbar, VLCT Director of Administrative Services.

### **GovOffice Web Creator**

This affordable, easy to use web page creation tool is available to VLCT members through our arrangement with the International City/County Managers Association, Avenet and Microsoft. GovOffice Web Creator was developed specifically for local governments and released by its developer, Avenet, after it was tested in a local government pilot program. Municipal staff or volunteers do not need any special training to use GovOffice Web Creator to build municipal web sites featuring local news and announcements, board minutes, ordinances, online forms, broadcast e-mail services, and more. An initial license fee and monthly fee are reasonable, and based on your municipality's population. For more information, contact [www.govoffice.com](http://www.govoffice.com) or Mike Gilbar, VLCT Director of Administrative Services.

### **Green Mountain Credit Union**

Local officials and employees in VLCT member municipalities may join the Green Mountain Credit Union, the credit union selected by the VLCT Board to offer banking services to our members. The Green Mountain Credit Union has offices in South Burlington and Rutland, and offers 24-hour banking through the mail, by telephone, via 80 ATMs in the state, and through the Internet. For more information, contact [www.greenmountaincu.com](http://www.greenmountaincu.com).

### **KnowledgeWave Computer Training**

An agreement between KnowledgeWave and VLCT allows VLCT members to receive technical training at a substantially reduced cost. KnowledgeWave Training, Inc. is a Vermont-based computer-training firm, with classrooms in South Burlington and Montpelier. It is Vermont's only Microsoft and Novell Certified Education Center and offers a wide variety of technical and desktop application classes. For more information, contact [www.knowledgewave.com](http://www.knowledgewave.com). To consult their class schedule, contact <http://www.knowledgewave.com/pdfs/schedules/daschedule.pdf>.