



CITY OF ATLANTA  
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**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Government of the City of Atlanta, Georgia  
(A Survey Report 1965) by Public Administration  
Service, Chicago, Illinois

**Date:** February 21, 1966

**Background**

In August 1964, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted and approved the submission of an application to the Urban Renewal Administration of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for grant funds under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to assist in financing the preparation of the Community Improvement Program. A contract between the federal government and the City of Atlanta for the grant funds was approved and executed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in December 1964. Several studies are required by virtue of the application and subsequent contract. The enclosed study on governmental administration is one of these required studies.

Commensurate with the approval of the above application, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Atlanta adopted "A Policy Statement on Community Development" which was to serve as an objective framework for the preparation and development of Atlanta's Community Improvement Program. Section IV of this policy statement enumerated several objectives pertaining to governmental and related activities, namely:

1. "To more clearly define the functions and objectives of the various agencies and governments involved in the urban development process; and, to determine the most effective forms of organization needed to attain these objectives."
2. "To encourage closer cooperation between the agencies and governments engaged in redevelopment activities in this region, including the encouragement of patterns of continuous liaison and the free exchange of information";
3. "To seek adoption within the City government of improved administrative procedures yielding greater efficiency."

In May 1965, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Atlanta, Georgia retained under contract Public Administration Service, a non-profit corporation of Chicago, Illinois, to undertake a broad-scale inventory and evaluation of its system of government. Their examination was also to include recommendations for governmental improvement. Public Administration Service has proven itself well qualified for this undertaking in that it has achieved international acclaim for its excellence in the field of governmental organization and management studies.

Their report entitled "Government of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (A Survey Report 1965)," is now complete. It is a constructive report aimed at the broad overall functions of City government. The report includes a review of management practices, administrative procedures, personnel and budgeting policies, planning, etc. A projected population to double our current size by 1985 and a commensurate increase in demand for municipal services provided the atmosphere in which this report was undertaken.

Action

In the months immediately ahead the findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in this report should receive the objective attention, careful scrutiny and evaluation of the citizens of Atlanta and their elected representatives. The future development of the City of Atlanta and the role its government should play may well be governed by the outcome.