Local Government Leadership Institute

Hosted by: Coastal Carolina University
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September 2019 - April 2020
Lake City, South Carolina
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The Local Government Leadership Institute has been developed through a collaboration of practitioners and academics.

Hosted by Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston and Francis Marion University in collaboration with the Darla Moore Foundation and the South Carolina City/County Management Association, the purpose of this program is to provide a skill-building educational experience for new and potential executive-level managers in South Carolina local governments. The program is intended to prepare the participants to affect change in their organizations, and ultimately to improve the communities in which they live.

Six one- or two-day sessions, limited to 30 participants, will be held from September to April. The sessions, held in Lake City, will include a variety of instructional techniques and learning opportunities including expert presentations, case studies, panel discussions and individual and small group assignments. Content areas covered include:

September 5 - 6 • Government in South Carolina
- History and culture of South Carolina local government
- SC Constitution - local government
- Home rule
- Constitutional and Statutory Authority
- Governmental form and reform
- Traditional and nontraditional roles and responsibilities
- Intergovernmental relations
  - State agencies
  - Special purpose districts
- Transparency/FOIA

October 3 - 4 • Managing & Administering Local Governments
- City/County Managers: education and experience
- ICMA/SCCCMA
- SC Municipal and County Associations
- Manager/Administrator’s Office: Structures and Functions
- Local government service
- Managing local government personnel

November 14 - 15 • Budget, Finance, & Human Resource Management
- Revenues
- Operating budgets
- Bonded indebtedness and debt instruments
- Accounting and auditing
- Financial monitoring
- Grants
- Insurability and Liability
- Employment Law

January 30 - 31 • Planning and Economic Development
- Comprehensive plans
- Growth and annexation
- Community infrastructure
- Economic development incentives and tools

March 12 - 13 • Governance and Politics/Public Safety & Crisis Management
- The Council
- Meetings and other public hearings
- Committees and Commissions
- Public communications
- Public safety
- Crisis management

April 10 • Pulling It Altogether - One Day
- Case studies
- Leadership exercises
- Final discussion of lessons learned

Registration Fee = $400*
*Participants are responsible for their own travel accommodations and any associated costs.

To apply:
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