Pursuing high performance in the midst of radical change requires local government leaders who seek an “edge” to help their communities and organizations thrive. A premier leadership development program to support and enhance local governments pursuing high performance is available at the Riley Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

**Leading EDGE: Engaging, Developing, Growing, and Empowering your Local Government through Leadership and High Performance** is a week-long program for local government leaders engaged in high performance work across the country.

Participants in **Leading EDGE** are provided with personal insights, collaborative skills, knowledge and tools to enable them to be more effective leaders in their organizations. They learn the leadership principles of high performance organizations (HPO), examine emerging strategic issues, and experience teamwork that prepares them to transform their organizations with the help of others, thus enabling successful communities.

The leadership principles of high performance organizations (HPO) are a core element of the program, enabling individuals to learn strategies that enhance leadership, innovation, and desired change initiatives. **Leading EDGE** includes daily classroom instruction, case studies and discussion, expert presentations, small team sessions, and a variety of team and class social networking activities. Each participant has an opportunity to plan and make commitments to serve as an active leader and change agent upon return no matter where they are in the organization.

**The Setting**

**Leading EDGE** is located at the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC. It is a beautiful, historic campus founded in 1770 whose vision is to be a “transformative national university redefining liberal arts education through innovation.” The College of Charleston is home to the Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities, an interdisciplinary initiative that supports economic and cultural vibrancy throughout its home city, state, the U.S., and around the world. Modern classrooms and meeting spaces provide a comfortable learning environment and a nearby hotel serving the College of Charleston provides pleasant lodging for participants. Meals and activities undertaken together complete the opportunities for learning from others, strengthening connections, and developing a network of change agents.

**Schedule**

**Leading EDGE** will be offered 3 to 4 times per year. **Leading EDGE** programs for 2023 include:

- March 10 - 17, 2023
- July 21 - 28, 2023
- October 27 - November 3, 2023

**Application**

Please consult this website for more specific program information and to make application:

[https://riley.cofc.edu/About%20the%20Riley%20Center/nonprofit-and-local-government-support.php](https://riley.cofc.edu/About%20the%20Riley%20Center/nonprofit-and-local-government-support.php)