Two programs for local government leaders dedicated to developing their communities and organizations will be available from the Riley Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. These programs are designed to support and enhance the work of local governments pursuing high performance work within their organizations, with the first available session scheduled for November 2021. These programs include:

- **Leading EDGE**, a week-long program, will be available several times a year to local government department directors and others engaged in high performance work.

- **Executive Leading EDGE**, a two-week program, will be available to local government senior managers annually in the month of June or July.

**Overview**

**Leading EDGE** is a one-week program designed to complement Executive Leading EDGE by enhancing the capabilities of department directors and others who further leadership work in their organizations. Participants are provided with opportunities to gain personal insights, collaborative skills, and knowledge about the principles of high performance organizations (HPO Model) to enhance leadership wherever they are in the organization.

**Executive Leading EDGE** is a two-week program that provides local government managers from across the country with personal insights, collaborative skills, and knowledge that enable them to be more effective leaders in their organizations. Participants learn the leadership principles of high performance organizations (HPO Model), 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 Model) are a core element of both programs, enabling individuals to learn strategies that enhance leadership, innovation, and desired change initiatives. Both Leading EDGE and Executive Leading EDGE include daily classroom instruction, case studies and discussion, expert presentations, small team sessions, and a variety of team and class social networking activities.

**The Setting**

The College of Charleston is located 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. It is here that the program will be housed, using modern classrooms and meeting spaces that provide a comfortable learning environment. A nearby hotel serving the College of Charleston will provide pleasant lodging for participants. Meals and activities undertaken together will complete the opportunities for learning from others, strengthening connections, and developing a network of change agents.

**Schedule**

**Leading EDGE** will be offered for department directors and other local government staff several times a year. The inaugural program will be held **November 5-12, 2021**, with dates for 2022 programs to be announced in the future. **Executive Leading EDGE** will be offered for senior managers in June or July 2022, with specific dates to be announced in the future.