Local Government Leadership Institute

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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.

The Local Government Leadership Institute has been developed through a collaboration of practitioners and academics.

Five sessions, limited to 30 participants, will be held on the following dates:

- Session 1: September 29, 30 and October 1, 2021
- Session 2: November 4 and 5, 2021
- Session 3: February 3 and 4, 2022
- Session 4: March 10 and 11, 2022
- Session 5: April 8, 2022
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:

- History and culture of South Carolina local government
- Home rule
- Governmental form and reform
- Traditional and nontraditional roles and responsibilities
- Intergovernmental relations
- State agencies
- Special purpose districts
- Transparency/FOIA
- Manager/Administrator’s Office: Structures and Functions
- Local government services
- Managing local government personnel
- Bonded indebtedness and debt instruments
- Operating budgets
- Comprehensive plans
- Growth and annexation
- Community infrastructure
- Economic development incentives and tools
- Manager/Council Relations
- Meetings and other public hearings
- Committees and Commissions
- Public Communications
- Public Safety
- Crisis Management
- Accounting and auditing
- Financial monitoring
- Grants
- Insurability and Liability
- Employment Law

To apply:
Submit a letter of interest, resume, and three references to Alison Burkey, ALittke@cofc.edu.

Registration fee = $400
Participants are responsible for their own travel and associated costs.