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Inspirational Breakfast - "An Overcomer's Story: From Poverty to Success"



Dot Inman-Johnson, city manager of Midway, is the speaker for the Inspirational Breakfast which will be held at the annual conference on Friday, May 29 from 7:45 am - 8:45 am.

Dot's inspiring story of how her own life experiences created the template for a successful and varied career as an educator, elected leader, multi-county non-profit CEO, and after retirement, a return to government as a City Manager. Author of Poverty, Politics, and Race: The View from Down Here, she will be available after breakfast for a book signing.

There is an additional \$35 fee for this event. [\(Read more\)](#)

In Memoriam of Jane Marie Strickland

Jane Marie Strickland passed away on February 21, 2015. She was the wife of FCCMA member Eugene Strickland. He is the former city manager of Lakeland. [\(Read more\)](#)

Tools that Work for Economic Development

The Florida League of Cities University will hold a summit series on economic development.



Effective economic development requires leadership. Policy decisions, implementation strategy and economic reality ideally come together to achieve a community's economic development goals. This program provides real-world guidance on the fundamentals and tools of realistic economic development.

Elected officials can use them to guide strategies for sustainable economic development in their communities. ([Read more](#))

Application Process for the State Infrastructure Bank



If you are interested in applying for a loan from the FDOT State Infrastructure Bank, a Letter of Interest is now required to be submitted by prospective loan applicants to ensure projects meet eligibility, financial, and production criteria.

The Letter of Interest is available on the SIB

Website: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/officeofcomptroller/PFO/sib.shtm>. ([Read more](#))

Economic Forecasting Webinar



A webinar will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The topic discussed will be "Economic Forecasting."

Kevin Plenzler's work focuses on forecasting economic development modeling, market analysis, and Florida growth patterns. Attendees at this FCCMA webinar will receive an overview of Florida's economy and its related trends (employment, population, economic recovery, and the housing market). Mr. Plenzler will also address some of Florida's major industries (agriculture, service, health, technology, etc.) and summarize the impact these sub-economies are having on Florida's local governments. As local governments begin preparing for the 2015-16 budget year, Mr. Plenzler's overview (and data) will provide valuable information on trends expected for the next few years. ([Read more](#))

March 2015 Onsite Training Sessions



There will be three onsite training sessions held in March.

The first session will meet the FCCMA four hours of required ethics training and will be held at the Florida League of Cities Building, 1st Floor in Sittig Hall, 301 S. Bronough Street in Tallahassee on March 13 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. This session will cover ICMA Practice Area 17: Integrity.

FCCMA will hold a second onsite training session on "Social Media for Florida Local Government Managers." It will be held at the City of Aventura Community Center, 3375 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura on March 20 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. This session will cover ICMA Practice Areas 7: Technological Literacy. ([Read more](#))

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