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FCCMA Legislative Committee Meets with House and Senate Staff Directors



The FCCMA Legislative Committee met with House and Senate staff directors and policy analysts on January 29. Close to 20 different legislative staff talked with committee members about city and county issues and discussed background information on fiscal, environmental, economic, regulatory and other subjects. Attending were Terry Atchley, Michael Beedie, Lee Garner, Dorothy Inman-Johnson, Andy Johnson, Danielle Judd, Roger Reinke and FCCMA executive director Lynn Tipton. [\(Read more\)](#)

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FCCMA 2015 Scholarship Program



Each year FCCMA offers scholarships to students toward their education and/or their professional development, two academic scholarships and one conference scholarship.

The academic scholarships are \$2,500 scholarships in memory of B. Harold Farmer and Raymond C. Sittig awarded to students pursuing a public administration or related degree at a Florida-based university. The students must be enrolled in the program during the summer or fall of 2015.

The academic scholarships also offer the recipients an all-expense paid trip to FCCMA's Annual Conference, May 27-30, 2015 in Orlando. Attendance at conference affords the winners unparalleled opportunities to hear about the profession and to meet potential future employers.

The FCCMA Annual Conference Emerging Leaders' Scholarship is designed to allow public administration students and entry-level city and county management professionals interested in continuing their academic and professional development as Professional Public Managers to attend the Annual Conference. The Scholarship includes complimentary registration to the Annual Conference and hotel room. [\(Read more\)](#)

February Innovation Edge

In Chesterfield County, Virginia, strategic planning and budgeting have been dating for a very long time. At times they seemed right on the brink of tying the



knot. People wondered, what are they waiting for; they aren't getting any younger, you know? [\(Read more\)](#)

2015 Onsite Training Sessions



There are still six onsite training sessions remaining in this program year.

FCCMA will hold two onsite training sessions on "CCNA and the Legal Requirements for Purchasing Services in Florida." The first session will be held at the Ironwood Golf Course Clubhouse in Gainesville on February 20. The second session will be held at the St. Petersburg Water Resource Building on March 27. Both sessions will be held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. This session will cover ICMA Practice Area 5: Performance Measurement/Management and Quality Assurance. [\(Read more\)](#)

Need your four-hours required ethics training?



There are two FCCMA ethics sessions scheduled. The first session will be held February 27 in Palm Beach Gardens. ICMA's Director of Ethics Martha Perego will present and facilitate an interactive session on today's challenges for local government managers.

The second session will be held March 13 in Tallahassee. Special Counsel for Open Government Pat Gleason from the Attorney General's Office and General Counsel and Deputy Director Chris Anderson from the Florida Commission on Ethics will combine for an informal and informative session to specifically discuss ethical requirements, the Commission on Ethics jurisdiction when violations are reported, and the process the Commission pursues in addressing complaints. The session will also cover the Florida Sunshine law and the process involved in addressing those complaints and issues. [\(Read more\)](#)

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. [\(Read more\)](#)

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