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FCCMA Upcoming Deadlines



Please note the following FCCMA deadlines:

- Board Self-Nominations Due January 29, 2015
- FCCMA Award Nominations Due February 2, 2015
- FCCMA Academic Scholarship Application Due February 16, 2015
- FCCMA Emerging Leaders Scholarship Application Due February 16, 2015

If you have any questions regarding these deadlines, please contact Carol Russell at (850) 701-3607 or crussell@flcities.com. [\(Read more\)](#)

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FCCMA Board of Directors Elections



Self-nominations for the At-Large Director and the Secretary-Treasurer positions on the FCCMA Board of Directors are due next Thursday, January 29. To nominate oneself, a letter expressing interest should be sent to the Nominating Committee, c/o the FCCMA office, PO Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

In addition to the letter of interest (or included within it) should be a short resume paying particular attention to FCCMA participation and work experience.

District Director positions are also open for the odd-numbered districts. All district elections must be completed by February 15. If canvassing has not begun in your district and you are interested in serving, contact your district director.

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2015 Onsite Training Sessions



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](#))

North Florida Economic Development Academy



The academy is a four-day program that will be held March 12-13 and March 26-27, 2015 at the Crystal Cove Resort in Palatka.

The North Florida Economic Development Academy (EDA) is designed to provide a basic understanding of the concepts and methods of Economic Development, and to help local communities build stronger community sales teams who are better able to recognize, prepare for, and respond to economic development opportunities. Participants will walk away with an understanding of the process, key players, and roles that guide economic development, ethical and leadership issues and critical best practices. ([Read more](#))

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