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Florida Business Watch at FCCMA Conference



FBW conducted a session for businesses that work with local government and awarded the first Essential Piece Award to Lakeland City Manager Doug Thomas during an FBW reception.

[See photos and learn more. \(Read more\)](#)

SAVE THE DATE! FCCMA Dinner at the ICMA Conference



FCCMA will hold its annual dinner at the ICMA Annual Conference in Charlotte at Fitzgerald's Irish Pub, 201 East 5th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 on Monday, September 15. Dinner is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Dinner will include salad, choice of four entrées and a choice of two desserts. Soda, tea and water are included in the cost. A cash bar will be available.

The cost is \$40 per person. Seating will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservations will be accepted until August 29. RSVPs will be necessary, as FCCMA will be guaranteeing a certain number of guests. A confirmation e-mail will be sent.

Reservations forms will be available July 1. [\(Read more\)](#)

FLC Tech Tuesday - Using Apps to Engage Citizens



The Florida League of Cities will be hosting the fifth "Tech Tuesday" webinar on Tuesday, July 8 at 11:00 am. Join Lily Liu, Founder of Public Stuff, as she presents how cities can better engage citizens through technology.

Civic engagement no longer means long lines at government offices, city hall meetings, and bureaucratic procedures. Thanks to organizations like the Sunlight Foundation and Code for America, civic engagement now involves meetups, hackathons, and "datapaloozas," and there is something for everyone to contribute. With this momentum in the open data and transparency movement, citizens are more empowered to participate in government and take control of the decisions that impact their lives. ([Read more](#))

EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee



Mayor Bob Dixon, Chair of EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) has extended an invitation to the FCCMA members to attend the LGAC's Protecting America's Waters Workgroup's meeting. The meeting will be held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building, located at 77 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA on July 10, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Your input as a local official assists the Committee in providing valuable advice and recommendations to Administrator Gina McCarthy that thoughtfully and comprehensively considers the impacts on the proposed rule to clarify Waters of the U.S. that are subject to the Clean Water Act on local governments. The committee welcomes your participation to strengthen the participation and voice in federal decision-making that affects your communities. ([Read more](#))

2014 Florida Ethics Conference and Attorney General's Sunshine Summit



Save the Date to attend the 2014 Florida Ethics Conference and Attorney General's Sunshine Summit on September 24-26, 2014 at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando. Hotel accommodations are available now. The room rate is \$119 per night. Call 1-(866) 996-6338. ([Read more](#))

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