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Message from the ICMA President



Good day,

Warmest of greetings from the northeast corner of the United States. As we enter the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to write for two reasons.

First, I want thank you for all the wonderful things you do for the communities you serve and our profession. Serving as a municipal/county leader today is more challenging than any other time in modern memory. ([Read more](#))

Congratulations to Richard Lemack



Richard Lemack has been chosen the by the *American City and County* magazine as its 2014 Municipal Leader of the Year. Mr. Lemack has been the Davie Town Administrator since 2011 and an FCCMA member since 2013. FCCMA congratulates him for a job well done. ([Read more](#))

Public Management Matters

Don't forget to send any examples of success stories that come to mind to Lynn Tipton, FCCMA



Executive Director at ltipton@flcities.com. ([Read more](#))

FCCMA Webinar: Action Planning for Managing Local Government Projects



A webinar will be held on Thursday, December 4 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The topic discussed will be "Action Planning for Managing Local Government Projects."

Local governments in Florida routinely adopt plans to redevelop areas, fulfill grant requirements, complete yearly capital projects and manage other large and small scale initiatives to serve their citizens. Attendees at this webinar will hear a discussion from two of Florida's experienced local government professionals who will share their experiences and offer "tips" on how to successfully navigate the many requirements and challenges that are part of planning the implementation of these projects. Attendees will learn how to manage multiple projects and will be provided an example of a specific project that has been successfully implemented. This is an important training session for local government officials at all levels, whether you are directing the work or involved in one or more aspects of the day-to-day process. Horace McHugh and Terry Stewart will share what they have learned and answer questions from attendees in this sure to be informative program on 'Action Planning.

This webinar will cover practice area 3: Functional & Operational Expertise & Planning. ([Read more](#))

"Financial Forecasting Post Recession: Critical Revenue and Fund Balance Considerations for Local Governments": Deadline to Register is Monday, December 1



The Florida City and County Management Association will hold an onsite training session on December 5, 2014 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Osceola Heritage Park, UF/FAS Osceola County Extension Services, Conference Room #162, 1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane in Kissimmee. This session is entitled: "Financial Forecasting Post Recession: Critical Revenue and Fund Balance Considerations for Local Governments."

Kimball R. Adams, CPA and 28 year Finance Director for the city of Largo will present a very informative and interactive session on how to plan for the next recession and the tools/tips to appropriately forecast revenues and sustain fund balance requirements. Mr. Adams was recommended by FGFOA as a presenter for FCCMA several years ago and perceptively identified trends and offered advice on financial planning that proved helpful for attendees at that time. This is a must attend session for local government professionals at all levels. Mr. Adams' delivery is "plain speak" for those with varying levels of financial understanding. Don't miss this opportunity to join your colleagues in this sure-to-be educational program applicable to all local governments in Florida. ([Read more](#))

"Technology for Florida's Local Governments: Who, What, Why, How and When?"



An onsite training session on technology will be held January 15, 2015 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm at Florida Gulf Coast University, CC 214 (Cohen Center, room 214), 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers.

You don't want to miss this session. Mike Taylor Associate Director of Technology Planning & Development for the Florida League of Cities and Cyndy Loomis, Chief Executive Officer for ISF will be the speakers at both sessions. Ron McKenzie, Chief Information Officer for the City of Miami Gardens will speak at the training in Oakland Park and Kathi Pletzke, IT Director for the Town of Longboat Key will speak at the training at Florida Gulf Coast University. ([Read more](#))

Ethics: Today's Challenges for Local Government Officials

FCCMA will hold an onsite training session in Palm Beach Gardens on February



27, 2015 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. This session is entitled "Ethics: Today's Challenges for Local Government Officials." It will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens EEOC Training Facility, 10500 N. Military Trail.

FCCMA is pleased to have ICMA's Director of Ethics, Martha Perego, to present and facilitate an interactive session on today's challenges for local government managers. This year, all FCCMA members are required to receive at least 4 hours of training to retain membership in FCCMA. This 1/2 day training opportunity in Palm Beach Gardens specifically addresses that requirement and attendees throughout the state are welcome to attend. Martha Perego provides ethics training all over the country and writes a regular column for Public Management on current ethical issues facing local government professionals. This interactive session is a wonderful opportunities for local government professionals in Florida to find solutions to "real" ethical challenges they encounter in their jobs. Don't miss this rare opportunity to engage with Martha and your colleagues on this always timely topic. ([Read more](#))

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