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### Why We Need the Florida Local Government Coalition



It was great seeing so many of you last week at the Winter Institute! Thank you for attending and supporting this annual event!

Since we worked with the Florida Local Government Coalition (we call it the Coalition for short) to develop this year's theme and format, I was asked why the Coalition matters, and why we helped to create it. We have featured some articles, and even a conference workshop on this new association of associations, and those efforts

clearly haven't reached everyone, so I thought this column might be a great opportunity to share my thoughts on why this Coalition is timely and appropriate. ([Read more](#))

### FLC University Summit Tomorrow: What Every Municipal Official Needs to Know: Risk Management and Liability



The Florida League of Cities is holding a summit tomorrow at the Atrium Executive Center, Florida Gulf Coast University, 8695 College Parkway, Suite 1181 in Fort Myers. ([Read more](#))

## FCCMA 2015 Scholarship Program: Deadline to apply is Monday, February 16



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. ([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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