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FCCMA Awards: Deadline Monday to Submit Nominations

Each year at the FCCMA Annual Conference, FCCMA recognizes an outstanding individual who has fostered representative democracy, who has made a significant contribution to the development of new talent and an assistant who has made significant contributions toward excellence in leadership while serving as an assistant or department head. These awards are: Award for Career Excellence, the Michael J. Roberto Award for Career Development and Assistant for Excellence in Leadership. (Read more)

Emerging Leaders Conference Scholarship - Deadline February 10

Are you a public administration student or an entry-level city or county management professional? Are you interested in attending the FCCMA Annual Conference? Then this scholarship may be for you. 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 is awarded to individuals once per lifetime. (Read more)

B. Harold Farmer Scholarship - Deadline February 17

Are you a student who will be enrolled during the summer or fall of 2014 and pursuing a public administration or related degree at a Florida-based university? Then you may be eligible to receive the B. Harold Farmer Scholarship (BHF). The BHF is a $2,500 academic scholarship which will be awarded to a recipient who demonstrates a strong commitment to pursuing a career in local government management, successfully balances both school and personal endeavors, understands the ICMA Code of Ethics and the council/manager form of government and can commit to promoting the subsequent year’s Scholarship program. (Read more)
Webinar - Legislative Session Preview: What is Expected in 2014 for Cities?

The Florida League of Cities will host a webinar on February 20 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. This webinar is entitled: "Legislative Session Preview: What is Expected in 2014 for Cities?

The 2014 Legislative Session will officially begin on Tuesday, March 4, but the Florida Legislature has been busy gearing up with House and Senate interim committee meetings taking place since last September. Several issues impacting cities are expected to be considered this session. Come hear directly from the League's lobbying team as they preview legislation that will be considered this session and how it impacts cities. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up now! [Read more]

Water Resources for the Future

Don't miss this onsite training session that will be held February 27, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Auburndale Community Center on 405 Bennett Street.

This FCCMA training session will be an abbreviated summit that will provide a forum for discussion and sharing of information on regional water issues. City, County, and Regional Water Management Officials will engage in discussion on the future of the area’s water resources. Problems, solutions, past successes and failures, current and future funding, and legislation will all be covered. This is a must attend session for Managers, Utility Directors, and other key staff members involved in this important topic. [Read more]

FCCMA 2014 Annual Conference

You don’t want to miss the FCCMA 2014 Annual Conference. Below are two of the sessions that will be held at the conference.

Khalid Resheidat, P.E., Assistant City Manager, New Smyrna Beach will speak about the "Successful Use of Citizen Task Force." The New Smyrna Beach Task Force is a program that brings citizens together for a specific amount of time to discuss one large issue in the city. The community has held the program three times since 2010 to gain feedback on its budget, sports complex and parking. Come hear how each session delivered innovative solutions that the city could implement. [Read more]

Cities 3.0: Reflecting, Responding & Redesigning for an Uncertain Future

New Smyrna Beach has asked Nationally-recognized futurist Rebecca Ryan to give a look at democratic trends affecting local governments and businesses over the 25 years. She will speak on Friday, March 21 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Brannon Center, 105 S. Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach. The cost is $25 per person. Part futurist, part economist, and always engaging, Rebecca Ryan is one of America's most influential thought leaders, helping cities and companies think around the corner to what's next. [Read more]