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[Institute's Environmental Academy Helps Lawmakers Prepare for 2016 Legislative Session](#)

Members of the Georgia House gained keener insight into important environmental issues through the 2015 Legislative Environmental Policy Academy that the Institute coordinated in partnership with UGA Marine Extension Service. (more)

Did you know?

The Institute just published *Local Governments and School Systems: Partnering for Better Communities*, one of the first studies to look at collaborations between school systems and local governments. [Learn more.](#)



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Three Top Students Selected for Fall Semester's Vinson Fellows Program

Three talented UGA undergraduates were appointed to semester-long internships through the Vinson Institute Fellows Program. The fellows are paired with faculty mentors to work on research projects that impact the Institute's work with governments throughout Georgia. ([more](#))

Institute Recognizes Local Finance Officers for Achieving Certification

Thirty-five local government officials from across Georgia recently earned local Finance Officer Certification, which recognizes their understanding of public finance topics gained through Institute of Government training. ([more](#))

New Code Enforcement Training Curriculum Developed by Institute Faculty

A yearlong curriculum development effort came to fruition at the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement's Fall Conference in September, when the Institute unveiled a new certificate program that was developed in partnership with the association. ([more](#))

Blairsville, Union County Rebranding Project Engineered by Institute Team

An Institute team worked with Blairsville and Union County leaders to develop a new logo and tagline to help the mountain community stand out in its effort to encourage more young families and growing businesses to settle in the area. ([more](#))

Institute Completes Strategy Assessment for Oconee County Development Authority

An analysis by the Institute's Planning and Environmental Services unit is informing the Oconee County Industrial Development Authority's efforts to devise a more efficient development review process that protects the community's quality of life. ([more](#))

State Finance Officers Earn Certification through Institute Training Program

Fifty-eight finance officers from 23 state agencies successfully completed 84 hours of continuing education through the Institute's Primary Governmental Accounting training program, which is designed to enhance

Upcoming Events

[GCCMA Fall Conference:](#)

October 28–30

[GLGPA Fall Conference:](#)

November 10–13

[ACCG Lifelong Learning](#)

[Academy:](#) December 2–3

Newsworthy Notable



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Eric delivers management training and leadership development instruction to a variety of state and local government officers to help those front-line managers identify efficiencies and better serve the public. Based at our Atlanta office, Eric coordinates the Institute's Corrections Leadership Institute, which helps emerging leaders with the Georgia Department of Corrections become more effective in managing agency opportunities and challenges.

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understanding of advanced accounting and finance topics.

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