Who doesn’t? Times are tough, and local governments everywhere are faced with the difficult task of doing more with less. Many groups—city councils, county commissions, boards, and other decision-making bodies—have benefited from the opportunity to discuss priorities and improve communication in a setting outside their regular meetings. The Carl Vinson Institute of Government has years of experience organizing and facilitating group retreats—a chance to regroup and strategize for the future.

Find out if your group could benefit from a retreat. Do any of the following statements apply to your group?

✓ We don’t have a clear, long-range vision for the future.
✓ Our current plan doesn’t align with the economic forecast.
✓ There are times when we wish we had more time to discuss tough issues.
✓ We would benefit from the opportunity to talk about issues in a quiet setting.
✓ Relationships in our group could use improvement.
✓ Our economic development program is not where we’d like it to be.

Schedule your group retreat today!

If any of these statements describe your group, a retreat can help address your concerns. Institute of Government retreats are a convenient and relatively low-cost way to get down to the business of planning in a relaxed, informal environment. An experienced facilitator will guide your group through a customized agenda that addresses your specific needs. The goals of a retreat are to:

• Establish better communication and relations
• Identify and discuss initiatives
• Develop medium- and long-term plans and a vision for the future

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