Funding the Future symposium explores effective infrastructure financing methods

Local government leaders learned more about innovative ways to finance critical building projects at Funding the Future, a two-day educational symposium presented by the Institute of Government...read more
Legislators study critical emerging issues at 2019 Environmental Policy Academy

Members of the Senate and House Natural Resources and Environment Committees strengthened their understanding of key environmental issues during the 2019 Environmental Policy Academy coordinated by the Institute...read more

Athens CVB recognizes economic impact resulting from Institute event manager’s work

Institute of Government event manager Jean Lord received the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau’s 2019 Classic Host Award in recognition of her work coordinating conferences that produce a significant economic impact...read more

Local tax officials can now attain continuing education credit for Institute courses

The Georgia Department of Revenue has approved more than 40 Institute of Government courses for state-mandated continuing education credits for thousands of local tax officials throughout Georgia...read more
Institute coordinates professional development sessions for GCCMA fall conference

The Institute of Government coordinated professional development sessions at the Georgia City-County Management Association’s Fall Conference on critical topics such as change management, social media and the impact of millennials in local government...read more

Institute helps establish Government Finance Officers Association student chapter at UGA

This fall, the Institute joined with the UGA School of Public and International Affairs to help a group of UGA students organize one of the country’s first Government Finance Officers Association student chapters...read more

Jackson County educators, commissioners develop collaborative plan at Institute retreat

At a retreat facilitated by Institute faculty, Jackson County commissioners and board of education members met to create a joint plan of action that will build on the growth of their community...read more

Four Vinson Fellows present fall semester research project results at Institute gathering

Four Vinson Institute Fellows presented the results of their fall semester internship projects at a recent gathering of Institute of Government faculty and staff. The research projects touched on local, state and international issues...read more

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Did You Know?

We’ve created a new advanced Development Authority Training course so
board members and other economic developers can enhance their knowledge of critical resources and incentives. Registration is underway for the inaugural course March 26.

*Learn more.*

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### Upcoming Events

**Georgia Clerks Education Institute**  
Feb. 2–4

**GAZA Winter Conference**  
Feb. 5–7

**Newly Elected Municipal Officials Institute**  
Feb. 10–12

**Development Authority Training—Basic**  
Feb. 13

**GLGPA 2020 Mid-Year Conference**  
Feb. 26–27

**ACCG 2020 Capitol Connection Conference**  
Feb. 27–28

**Newly Elected Municipal Officials Institute**  
March 4–6

**GCED Workforce Development**  
March 6

**GACE Spring 2020 Conference**  
March 3–6

**ACCG Spring Training**  
March 12–13

**GCCMA Spring Conference**  
March 18–20

**Development Authority Training—Advanced**
Shana Jones
Public Service Associate

Shana works with Georgia communities on policy concerns and legal issues involving land use, environmental quality and coastal flooding through the Institute’s Planning and Environmental Services unit. In addition to managing that unit, Shana oversees the Georgia Sea Grant legal program working with UGA Marine Extension (MAREX). She’s part of a faculty team representing the Institute, MAREX and seven other schools and colleges that received a UGA Presidential Interdisciplinary Seed Grant to establish a national center for nature-based infrastructure solutions at the university. Prior to joining the Institute in 2014, Shana served as director of the Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic at William & Mary Law School, managed a nonprofit policy group and worked with the Texas governor’s office.