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Management Certification

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***We look forward to seeing all of you in Savannah at the 2016 Fiscal Management
Conference. The conference agenda is posted to the GFMC website.***



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The Carl Vinson Institute of Government is proud to offer the Budget and Financial Management Certification program to Georgia's state government employees. The purpose of this program is to offer an overview of the state's budget and fiscal management cycle. The program consists of eight courses over 14 training days offered throughout the year. Numerous state officials have helped in the development of these courses, including individuals from the Office of Planning and Budget, the State Accounting Office, the Office of the State Treasury, the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Audits and Accounts, the General Assembly, the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission, and many others.

While the Institute has been teaching courses in the program for three years, all eight courses were offered in Fiscal Year 2016 for the first time. On August 25, the Institute hosted a graduation ceremony for the 103 state employees who completed the certification program. These certificate holders come from a broad range of 23 different state agencies. The Department of Labor, who has been converting their financial systems over to TeamWorks, led the way in terms of number of graduates. They had 44 employees complete the program. Over 180 graduates and guests attended our graduation ceremony and reception at the Floyd Room on the 20th floor of the west tower of the Sloppy Floyd building in downtown Atlanta.

Honored speakers at the ceremony included Laura Meadows, Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government; Teresa MacCartney, Georgia's Chief Financial Officer and Director of the Office of Planning and Budget; Alan Skelton, the State Accounting Officer; and Travis Kennedy, Chair of our State Training Board. Amy Stancil, a member of the State Training Board and also a graduate of the program, also spoke and offered first hand testimonial on the positive impact of the training program.

For those interested in earning this certification, Fiscal Year 2017 course offerings are open for registration. More information is available online at <http://www.cviog.uga.edu/statefinance>. Many classes are already full, so act fast! Information on the courses of the program follows.



Language of Accounting provides an overview of fundamental governmental accounting concepts as well as statutory budget policy used for the preparation of the Budgetary Compliance Report. The course also covers purchase orders, grant accounting, and payroll concepts.

TeamWorks Literacy and Orientation is designed to provide a foundation with basic TeamWorks navigation, including basic queries and reports and creating Excel PivotTables.

Revenue and Expenditure Analysis focuses on using the queries covered in the TeamWorks Literacy and Orientation as well as concepts from the Language of Accounting to analyze personal services, purchase orders, contracts, and revenues.

Budget Administration covers the state's government structure and laws, defines the roles of those participating in the process, and identifies public policies that control expenditure of funds. In addition, the course also discusses terminology and tools used in the administration of the budget.

Revenue Administration provides an overview of the revenue structure for the State including the respective roles of the Georgia Department of Revenue and Office of the State Treasurer in administering, collecting, and reporting on state revenues. In addition, the purpose and use of the revenue collections fund, use of the Allotment Request and Intranet System (ARIS) and an overview of significant policies that affect revenue administration will be discussed.

Debt Administration provides an overview of the bonds issuance process, the role of Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission in investing and disbursing bond proceeds, as well as the ratings agency process.

Internal Controls for State Government provides an overview of the internal control framework and considerations in building an effective system of internal controls

Purchasing Basics in Georgia State Government provides an overview of the state's purchasing process as administered by DOAS. The class will cover key state purchasing policies.

Please visit <http://www.cviog.uga.edu/statefinance> contact Dave Lakly (dlakly@uga.edu) for more information.

Efficient Fiscal Management of State Government Operations

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Georgia Fiscal Management Council, a nonprofit organization, promotes efficient fiscal management of state government operations; promotes increased knowledge in governmental financial procedures and practices through sponsorship of training seminars, meetings, publications, and scholarships; and provides opportunities for the interchange of ideas, methods, and techniques affecting governmental fiscal management.

FMC Spotlight

2016 Scholarship Winner

We would like to announce Cristen E. Leverett as the recipient of the 2016 Fiscal Management Council Scholarship. Cristen is currently working at the Georgia Department of Health and attends Georgia Southern University. She came to the State from a small CPA firm and is currently working on her Master's degree in accounting.

We would like to extend an enthusiastic congratulations to Ms. Leverett.

The Georgia Fiscal Management Council, through its scholarship program, annually awards cash scholarships to full or part-time college/university students who are pursuing a course of study in a field related to Governmental Fiscal Management including Public Administration, Finance, or Governmental Accounting. The recipient must be pursuing a degree in a related fiscal management field in order to be eligible for the scholarship. For additional information, please contact Donna Stapleton at 404-327-6838 or DStapleton@tcsg.edu.

Monthly Meeting

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following Speakers that presented various topics to the Council during the last quarter:

July

No July meeting was held.

August

Office of the Inspector General –*Discussion of Fraud* presented by Deborah Wallace and Austin Mayberry

September

The September meeting will be held at the conclusion of the FMC conference.