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Macon-Bibb officials set sales tax priorities during Institute planning retreat

The Institute facilitated a strategic planning retreat that allowed leaders with the Macon-Bibb County government to set priorities for upcoming sales tax projects...[read more](#)



Institute adapting Clarke County charter school governance program for wider use

A training program that the Institute of Government developed for local school governance teams in the Clarke County School District is being adapted for other Georgia charter districts to use...
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Institute collaboration helps school system address Augusta employer needs

Information from an Institute of Government survey is helping the Richmond County School System adjust its Career, Technical and Agricultural Education curriculum to better equip graduates with in-demand skills sought by employers...*read more*



Institute coordinates professional development training at GCCMA conference

Government managers from around the state enhanced their professional skills through training courses presented at the Georgia City-County Management Association's Spring Conference in Athens...*read more*



Gainesville downtown accessibility enhancements based on Institute design work

The City of Gainesville has embarked on a massive downtown revitalization program envisioned in a strategic plan developed with Institute assistance and supported by a grant that Institute faculty helped local leaders obtain...[read more](#)

Regional workforce development partnerships coalescing with Institute help

The Institute and the Georgia Department of Economic Development are collaborating to help leaders in 12 regions of the state establish effective workforce development partnerships that address critical training needs...[read more](#)

Municipal officials explore critical governance issues at Institute training program

Newly elected mayors and city council members were introduced to the mechanics of effective governance during training courses delivered through the Institute's partnership with the Georgia Municipal Association...[read more](#)

Information-gathering for Athens planning project facilitated by Institute team

Ten Institute faculty and staff members facilitated stakeholder listening sessions to help prioritize economic and cultural needs identified through the "Envision Athens" community planning process commissioned by the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government...[read more](#)

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The Institute of Government offers organizational reviews to help individual departments or entire local governments enhance their efficiency.

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Upcoming Events

ACCG Annual Conference

April 28–May 1

GLGPA Spring Conference

June 13–16

GMA Annual Convention

June 23–27

Newsworthy Notable

Jessica Varsa

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Jessica provides technical assistance to local governments on topics such as affordable housing, economic development and downtown revitalization, and conducts research and analysis for governments throughout Georgia. Prior to joining the Institute, she served as division chief with the Baltimore City Planning Department, was an economics researcher with Towson State University and was program director of the Missoula Downtown Association in Montana.



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