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Welcome to the Georgia Municipal Association's 86th Annual Convention! We always look forward to the Convention because it brings us all together as a community of Georgia's cities. For those who have been coming to this event for many years, it's a homecoming and family reunion. For those of you who are attending for the first time, it's our pleasure to welcome you into the GMA family. We're happy to have all of you here in Savannah and we celebrate a first in our history of representing all 538 cities as GMA members!

This year, the theme of our convention is "**Cities United: Lead to Succeed.**" This year, maybe more than ever, we have seen how coming together advances the cause for all our cities. Back in January in Atlanta, we held a rally at the state Capitol following our Mayors' Day Conference and more than 100 city officials came out and really showed legislators the strength of our unity. In addition, we've forged even stronger bonds with the county association, ACCG, and our state partners. Together, we're making a difference for our cities, counties and the state of Georgia.

During the Annual Convention, there will be many opportunities for you to be in unity with your fellow city leaders and GMA. We need your voice at the policy committee meetings. Your experiences inform our platform, and your knowledge of issues provides the support. Make sure you're listening to the issues and providing us with feedback that we can use at the Capitol next year.

The opening general session is going to focus on the leadership aspect of what you do. We have three amazing speakers with very different backgrounds who are going to share what they have learned about leadership and how they apply it in their lives. We hope their stories will inspire you in your leadership journey.

I also encourage you to visit the Exhibit Hall and see what services and products exist to help your city. We appreciate these companies and our sponsors supporting GMA and being involved in our Annual Convention.

The concurrent sessions offer information on pressing issues cities are facing. Please be sure to attend those, take notes, ask questions and be prepared to take that information back to your city. GMA's Annual Convention has much to offer; please be strategic in your participation, keeping the interests of your residents top of mind as you decide which sessions to go to.

Finally, one of the greatest benefits of attending GMA's Annual Convention is the fellowship and networking that takes place. Here, you are among friends. Friends who come from varied walks of life and backgrounds and from cities of all sizes. Yet we are bound more by what we have in common than what is different. We are united in our care and concern for our communities, in our support for creating amazing cities that uplift all Georgians, and in our determination to continue to learn and grow so we may exemplify the best leadership.

On behalf of the GMA staff, let me also remind you that we are here to serve you. This is your convention. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback on how we can make your Annual Convention experience better, please reach out to any of us. Thank you for your attendance and your service.





SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Monday Evening Closing Event

This year's closing event will provide a night of food, fun and entertainment. The closing event will take place on Monday, June 24 from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Savannah Convention Center. The night will begin with a beach-themed "Taste of Savannah" and activities in the Exhibit Hall followed by desserts and dancing to the Swingin' Medallions upstairs in the Gallery and Chatham Ballroom.

Registration Schedule

Registration will be held in the Lobby of the Savannah Convention Center during the following hours:

Friday, June 21:	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 22:	7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 23:	7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 24:	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 25:	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Only fully registered attendees will receive a delegate gift ticket.

Registration Fee

The on-site registration fee is \$415 for city officials, \$475 for Business Alliance Program participants, \$155 for spouses of delegates, \$80 for each child of a delegate and \$1,050 for non-members. Tickets are required for admittance to convention meals, social events and entertainment. Badges must be worn to enter the Exhibit Hall.

Badges and Function Tickets

Each person (including spouses and children) who is officially registered will receive a badge and tickets for a delegate gift and the Monday night Closing Event. Delegate gift tickets may not be purchased separately. Badges must be worn at all events and are required for entry into the Exhibit Hall. Badges may be purchased for \$25 at the registration desk for non-registered guests. If you will not be using your ticket for a particular event, please offer it to a friend or return it to the registration desk so that someone else may use it.

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Awards and Installation Luncheon

A separate ticket is required for the Monday Awards and Installation Luncheon. Tickets may be purchased at the registration desk as long as they are available.

Delegate Gift Pick Up in the Exhibit Hall

All persons registered for the entire convention should have a Delegate Gift ticket in their packet of tickets. To receive your gift, please bring the ticket to the Delegate Gift counter located in the Exhibit Hall on Saturday and Sunday.

Ribbons

Ribbons for first-time attendees, Certified Cities of Ethics, training certificate recipients, GMA boards and committees may be picked up at the registration desk.

Wireless Internet Service

Wireless Internet service is provided throughout the Savannah Convention Center. Log on to Network GMA19. The password is Savannah.

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GMA Annual Convention Mobile App

GMA's Annual Convention mobile app is FREE and available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store! Search "Georgia Municipal Association Events" and download the app for an up-to-the-minute schedule, session descriptions and listings of exhibitors and sponsors!

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GMA Resource Area

Interested in learning more about the various GMA services available to your city? Stop by the GMA Resource Area, located in the rotunda. Staff members will be available throughout the convention to provide information and answer your questions.

Dress

Dress for all events during the convention is casual. Meeting rooms are cool, so dress appropriately.

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Refund Policy

Full refunds were given for cancellations received before April 12. Cancellations submitted between April 12 and before May 24 were assessed a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations made after May 24.

Exhibit Hall

With more than 200 exhibitors participating, the Exhibit Hall provides a great opportunity to learn more about a wide range of products and services available to your city. The Exhibit Hall will be open during the following hours:

Saturday, June 22: 3:15 pm - 5:30 pm
Sunday, June 23: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Please be respectful of our exhibitors, as they are here to do business. All children must be accompanied by an adult while in the Exhibit Hall. Everyone, including children, must have a name badge to enter the Exhibit Hall.

Exhibitor Door Prizes

Some exhibitors will be giving away door prizes. Instead of announcing the winners, exhibitors will place a form on the Message Board located in the front of the Exhibit Hall on the 100 aisle. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitors to post the winners' names and the responsibility of the attendees to check the Message Board. All winners will be posted on the Message Board by 1:00 pm on Sunday. Door prizes **must be picked up** prior to 1:30 pm on Sunday afternoon. **Vendors will not be mailing door prizes.** Remember to visit the Exhibit Hall and thank our exhibitors for being with us as their exhibit fees help keep costs down for our attendees.

Healthy Lifestyle Exhibit

Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS) is hosting a Healthy Lifestyle exhibit during the convention to highlight the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Come by the LGRMS booth in the Exhibit Hall for your free massage and to learn about important health and safety issues.

Clerks 50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction

The Georgia Municipal Clerks Association will be conducting a 50/50 raffle and silent auction in the registration concourse. Funds raised will be donated to the Bill Cain Scholarship Fund. Please stop by and support this great cause.

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Shuttle Transportation

"Visit Savannah" has made special transportation arrangements to accommodate you. Please consult the schedule board at your hotel or pick up a schedule at the welcome desk at the Convention Center.

Parking

The Savannah Convention Center has 1500 parking spaces. Parking is free to GMA guests.

Hotels & Telephone Numbers (912 area code)

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<u>Andaz</u>	<u>233-2116</u>
<u>Courtyard by Marriott</u>	<u>790-8287</u>
<u>Doubletree</u>	<u>790-7000</u>
<u>Embassy Suites</u>	<u>721-6900</u>
<u>Fairfield Inn and Suites</u>	<u>236-1777</u>
<u>Hampton Inn (Bay St.)</u>	<u>231-9700</u>
<u>Hampton Inn (Oglethorpe St.)</u>	<u>721-1600</u>
<u>Hilton Garden Inn</u>	<u>721-5000</u>
<u>Holiday Inn Express (Bay St.)</u>	<u>231-9000</u>
<u>Holiday Inn (Bryan St.)</u>	<u>790-1000</u>
<u>Hotel Indigo</u>	<u>236-4440</u>
<u>Hyatt Regency</u>	<u>238-1234</u>
<u>Marriott Riverfront</u>	<u>233-7722</u>
<u>Residence Inn</u>	<u>233-9996</u>
<u>Staybridge Suites</u>	<u>721-9000</u>
<u>TRYP by Wyndham</u>	<u>921-5300</u>
<u>The Brice</u>	<u>238-1200</u>
<u>Westin</u>	<u>201-2000</u>



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Friday, June 21

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Municipal Training Board Meeting

Jasper Room

The Municipal Training Board will receive updates on the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute from staff of GMA and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

Chair:

An'cel Davis, Councilmember, Riverdale

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Municipal Training Institute

Course descriptions can be found in the Convention mobile app, training brochure or on the GMA website.

- ◆ **Capital Improvement Program**
Westin – Harbor Ballroom B
- ◆ **Current Issues: Understanding the Census**
Room 100
- ◆ **Current Issues: Understanding, Funding & Fighting the New Face of Homelessness**
Westin – Grand Ballroom B
- ◆ **Effective Practices for Municipal Operations**
Room 101
- ◆ **Employee Benefits 101 (Retirement)**
Room 103
- ◆ **Entrepreneur Friendly Cities**
Room 102
- ◆ **Excellence in Customer Service**
Room 104
- ◆ **Local Government Debt Methods**
Room 105
- ◆ **Mobile Workshop - Port of Savannah**
Room 106
- ◆ **Municipal Courts Post Ferguson: Promoting Justice, Protecting City Assets**
Room 200
- ◆ **Municipal Water and Wastewater Systems***
Westin – Harbor Ballroom A

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- ◆ **Open Meetings***
Room 201
- ◆ **Practices for Successful Meetings***
Westin – Grand Ballroom A
- ◆ **Public Policy Development and Implementation**
Room 202
- ◆ **Recreation and Parks**
Room 203
- ◆ **Roles and Responsibilities of Council and Staff***
Room 204
- ◆ **Trends in Urban Design for Local Leaders**
Room 205

** This course is on the “required” list for the Municipal Training Institute certificate program.*

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Training Ceremony and Reception for Certificate Recipients
Chatham Ballroom A

Officials who have completed the requirements for the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute’s Certificate of Recognition, Achievement, Excellence, Distinction and Dedication since January will be recognized, along with those receiving Municipal Clerks certificates. Those that have received Municipal Revenue Administration certificates within the last year will also be honored. A reception celebrating the training certificate recipients will immediately follow the training ceremony.

Opening Remarks

Linda Blechinger, Mayor, Auburn - GMA President

Presentation of Training Certificates

An’cel Davis, Councilmember, Riverdale
Chair, Municipal Training Board

Dr. Laura Meadows, Director, Carl Vinson Institute of
Government, University of Georgia

Aileen Harris, Training Manager, GMA

Dianne Landers, City Clerk, Thomson - President, Georgia
Municipal Clerks Association

Claire Kinane, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, Program
Coordinator; Georgia Clerks Education Institute, Director

Larry Hanson, Executive Director, GMA

Saturday, June 22

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Continental Breakfast for Training Participants

8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Mobile Workshop: Placemaking in Action
Meet at the Andaz Hotel in the Antebellum Studio
14 Barnard Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401
(A shuttle will pick up in front of the Westin Hotel and drop off at the Andaz at 7:45 a.m.)

8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Municipal Training Institute
(lunch is included for training participants)

Course descriptions can be found in the Convention mobile app, training brochure or on the GMA website.

- ◆ **Building a Hometown Connection:**
GMA Lobbying 101
Room 100
- ◆ **Creating a Downtown Renaissance:**
Advanced DDA
Room 101
- ◆ **Current Issues: Workforce Development**
Westin – Grand Ballroom A
- ◆ **Downtown Development Authority Basic Training**
(ends at 4:15 p.m.)
Room 102
- ◆ **Economic Development***
Room 103
- ◆ **Emergency Management***
Westin – Grand Ballroom B
- ◆ **Environmental Sustainability**
Room 104

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- ◆ **Ethics***
Westin – Harbor Ballroom B
- ◆ **Human Resources***
Room 105
- ◆ **Making Citizen Engagement Work***
Room 200 and Room 201
- ◆ **Money, Money, Money... Money! – Funding City Projects and Programs through Grants and Loans**
Westin Harbor Ballroom A
- ◆ **Mobile Workshop: Housing Solutions**
Room 106
- ◆ **Municipal Finance II***
Room 205
- ◆ **Revitalizing Neighborhoods: Tools for Local Officials**
Room 202
- ◆ **Service Delivery Strategy: Efficiency & Tax Equity for Local Governments**
Room 203
- ◆ **Water Management: An Introduction for Local Governments**
Room 204

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11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **City Attorneys' Session and Lunch** *Westin – Grand Ballroom C*

The City Attorneys' Session is the Association's annual CLE for city attorneys and is the annual business meeting for the City Attorneys' Section of GMA. City attorneys will hear presentations on recent legislation, sovereign immunity, small cells in light of new legislation, top health and welfare plan legal issues for cities, and effective crisis management and succession planning. There will also be a city attorney roundtable to discuss other legal issues and to conduct the annual business meeting.

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Presiding:

J. Anderson “Andy” Davis, City Attorney, Rome; Brinson Askew Berry LLP

Presenters:

- **Nina R. Hickson**, City Attorney, Atlanta
- **Andrew J. Welch III**, City Attorney, Locust Grove; Smith, Welch, Webb & White, LLC
- **Ken E. Jarrard**, City Attorney, Milton; Jarrard & Davis, LLP
- **Terri Taylor**, Of Counsel, Benefits Law Group
- **Rusi Patel**, General Counsel, Georgia Municipal Association

*Special thanks to **Alston & Bird, Elarbee Thompson and Gallagher Bassett** for their support of this event.*

3:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall

*Special thanks to **Charles Abbott Associates, Coleman Talley and Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC** for their support of this event.*

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors’ Meeting

Chatham Ballroom A

Presiding:

Linda Blechinger, Mayor, Auburn – GMA President

Sunday, June 23

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Meeting for Hub Cities Mayors and City Managers
Westin – Riverscape Room

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Metro Atlanta Mayors Association Meeting
Westin – Grand Ballroom B

Update from the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Staff Contacts:

- **Kay Love**, Municipal Operations Consultant
- **Aileen Harris**, Training Manager

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Worship Service
Room 105-106

Speaker:

Tim Houston, Alderman, Acworth

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Exhibit Hall Open

Light breakfast and buffet lunch will be served.

Exhibit Hall

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*Special thanks to **Consolidated Pipe & Supply**
for their support of the Exhibit Hall luncheon.*

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9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Policy Committee Meetings

The purpose of committee meetings is to discuss legislative and policy issues of interest to cities. The membership will use the meetings to review and adopt the proposed 2020 policy recommendations suggested by city officials during the GMA Spring Listening Sessions and endorsed by the Legislative Policy Council.

◆ **Environment and Natural Resources**
Room 100-101

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act referendum passed by a considerable margin in November 2018. The Act ensures funding for greenspace and recreational use that the state, local governments and private entities can harness for the future. Land application permits and the siting of new landfills were the focus of HB 707 and HB 705, which were introduced late in the 2019 legislative session. Chair of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee, Representative Lynn Smith, and Senator Tyler Harper, Chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment, have been invited to discuss the legislative session. Lauren Curry, Deputy Director of the Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division, will give a departmental update. The committee will also review and approve the policy platform for 2020.

Chair:

Danny Dunagan, Mayor, Gainesville

Presenters:

- **Representative Lynn Smith**, Chair, House Natural Resources and Environment Committee
- **Senator Tyler Harper**, Chair, Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee
- **Lauren Curry**, Deputy Director, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division

Staff Contact:

Michael McPherson, Governmental Relations Associate

*Special thanks to **GMA Natural Gas Purchasing** for their support of this event.*

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◆ **Transportation**
Room 105-106

Transporting people and goods throughout the state of Georgia is becoming increasingly challenging as the economy remains strong, the Savannah Harbor deepening brings in more cargo, and the metro Atlanta area continues to be among the top four fastest growing regions in the country. Inland ports, Hub City connectivity and transit are all topics of conversation among policy-makers. Attendees will hear from experts in transportation policy options and listen to ideas of what the future holds for mobility. The committee will review and adopt transportation policy recommendations which have been submitted by the Legislative Policy Council.

Chair:

Isaiah Hugley, City Manager, Columbus-Muscogee Consolidated Government

Presenters:

- **Craig Camuso**, Regional Vice President, Public Affairs, CSX Railroad
- **Senator Steve Gooch**, Senate Majority Whip
- **Connor A. Poe**, Resident Vice President, Norfolk Southern Railroad
- **Representative Calvin Smyre**, Dean, House of Representatives
- **Scott Haggard**, Director, Government and External Affairs, ATL Transit Authority/State Road and Tollway Authority

Staff Contact:

Tom Gehl, Director, Governmental Relations

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10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
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◆ **Community Development**

Room 100-101

Access to housing has been an issue of increasing importance as Georgia's population has nearly doubled in the last 30 years. The addition of the film industry and many other high-paying jobs have amplified the value of property in sought-after cities, which has had a domino effect on the surrounding communities. The authority to regulate design standards, a fundamental aspect of planning and the core element in placemaking, was under attack during the 2019 legislative session. Residential zoning was also targeted by several groups desirous of limiting local control over lodging businesses. Jeff Ledford, Senior Director of Governmental Affairs of the Georgia Association of Realtors, will discuss these issues. Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Senator Ben Watson, Representative Kasey Carpenter, and Representative Billy Mitchell will also discuss these issues and provide a legislative recap. The committee will also review and approve the policy platform for 2020.

Chair:

Michelle Cooper Kelly, Councilmember, Marietta

Presenters:

- **Senator Ben Watson**, Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Committee
- **Representative Billy Mitchell**, Member, House Regulated Industries Committee
- **Representative Kasey Carpenter**, Member, House Ways & Means Committee
- **Jeff Ledford**, Senior Director of Governmental Affairs, Georgia Association of Realtors

Staff Contact:

Michael McPherson, Governmental Relations Associate

*Special thanks to **GMA Life & Health Insurance Program** for their support of this event.*

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◆ **Public Safety**

Room 105-106

The Georgia General Assembly made great strides in the 2019 legislative session on a variety of public safety issues, from sweeping legislation aimed to attack human trafficking to legislation that would require law enforcement to maintain sexual assault evidence for a longer period of time. Chairman Bill Hitchens of the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee will be on hand to summarize legislation that passed through the committee and give an idea of what to expect in the 2020 session. Representative Scott Holcomb authored HB 282, which requires law enforcement to hold sexual assault evidence for up to fifty years. He will be on hand to discuss this legislation. Nicholas Smith with the Georgia Attorney General's office will also be on the panel to discuss the increased focus on combatting human trafficking and organized gangs from Attorney General Chris Carr.

In addition to the state perspective, President Trump's Special Assistant and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, William Crozer, will discuss the White House's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and what local officials can do to help.

Chair:

Keith Turman, Mayor Pro Tem, Royston

Presenters:

- **Representative Bill Hitchens**, Chair, House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee
- **Representative Scott Holcomb**, Member, House Public Safety and Judiciary Committees
- **William Crozer**, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, White House
- **Nicholas Smith**, Director, External Affairs and Policy, Georgia Department of Law

Staff Contact:

Joel Wiggins, Governmental Relations Associate

*Special thanks to **GMA Workers Compensation Insurance** for their support of this event.*

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11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Federal Policy Council Meeting
Room 102-104

The Federal Policy Council (FPC) is GMA's federal legislative advocacy group. The primary purpose of the FPC is to maintain communications with the Georgia congressional delegation in support of GMA's federal municipal policies. This year, GMA's top federal advocacy priority is infrastructure investment, and with capital needs exceeding \$11.2 billion over five years, municipal leaders are asking Congress and the Trump Administration to #RebuildWithUs. During this session, participants will hear from the Deputy Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs about infrastructure investment, broadband deployment, and White House initiatives that impact cities. FPC members will receive an update from Senator David Perdue's Legislative Director/General Counsel about key priorities in the U.S. Senate that affect cities. Meeting participants will receive a legislative update from NLC's Principal Associate for Technology and Communications.

Presiding:

Jim Thornton, Mayor, LaGrange - GMA Third Vice President and Chair, Federal Policy Council

Speakers:

- **William Crozer**, Special Assistant to the President/Deputy Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
- **John Eunice**, Legislative Director/ General Counsel, Office of Senator David Perdue
- **Angelina Panettieri**, Principal Associate for Technology and Communications, National League of Cities (NLC)

Staff Contact:

Becky Taylor, Federal Relations and Research Director

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
City Managers' Session and Lunch (ticket required)
Room 200-202

Research has shown that local government operations and services can benefit from data-driven decision-making, but do city

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managers in Georgia have access to the resources they need to make data-based decisions? As a manager, do you find yourself searching for data to compare your city with others? Does your budget process rely upon data-driven decisions? During this session, attendees will have an opportunity to engage in a discussion about the types of data that are important to city officials and the tools needed to utilize data in the decision-making process. Participants will also hear from Dr. Cary Christian, Associate Professor, Department of Public and Nonprofit Studies, at Georgia Southern University about GSU's partnership with GMA to prepare a report of Municipal Fiscal Conditions in Georgia and about his ongoing research on fiscal conditions in Georgia's cities.

Presiding:

Marcia Hampton, City Manager, Douglasville
Vice-President, Georgia City-County Management Association

Presenter:

Dr. Cary Christian, Associate Professor, Department of Public and Nonprofit Studies, Georgia Southern University

Staff Contact:

Terrell Jacobs, Municipal Operations Consultant

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1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Policy Committee Meetings

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◆ Municipal Government *Room 100-101*

Municipal leaders are responsible for overseeing efficient operations for their communities, but sometimes external factors get in the way. Service delivery agreements are one example which constantly pose challenges for city and county officials who negotiate to find ways to streamline services

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provided to their communities. Attendees will hear from key state legislators who will share observations on the Service Delivery Strategy Act and how it works across the state. The legislators will also provide their insights on legislative initiatives impacting municipal operations, and provide their perspectives on local control. The committee will also review and adopt the proposed Municipal Government policy recommendations for 2020.

Chair:

Randall Walker, Mayor Pro Tem, Perry

Presenters:

- **Representative Barry Fleming**, Chair, House Judiciary Committee
- **Representative Bob Trammell**, House Minority Leader
- **Representative Andy Welch**, Chair, House Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee

Staff Contact:

Charlotte Davis, Governmental Relations Associate

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◆ Revenue and Finance

Room 105-106

The Georgia General Assembly has made a decisive effort over the past several sessions to modernize the tax code and reform outdated taxing mechanisms. Representative Jay Powell, Chair of the House Rules Committee and sponsor of HB 61, which taxes internet retailers at the same rate as brick and mortars, will be on hand to discuss these efforts. In respect to tax reform issues, Representative Shaw Blackmon will speak to his efforts to change the TAVT law and local occupational tax laws.

The Georgia General Assembly also passed HB 456 this past session, which raises the expenditure cap for small cities to forego an annual audit. Chair Jan Tankersley, who authored the legislation and championed small cities throughout the process, will discuss the bill and the importance of local legislation. New Department of Revenue Commissioner David Curry will discuss the Department's new DRIVES system and other important issues for local governments.

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Chair:

Evie McNiece, Commissioner, Rome

Presenters:

- **Representative Jay Powell**, Chair, House Rules Committee
- **Representative Jan Tankersley**, Chair, House Intragovernmental Coordination Committee
- **Representative Shaw Blackmon**, Chair, House Ways and Means Sales Tax Subcommittee
- **David Curry**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Revenue

Staff Contact:

Joel Wiggins, Governmental Relations Associate

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2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Reading with Malcolm Mitchell

Room 204-205

Convention delegates are invited to bring their children and grandchildren to hear Super Bowl champion and literacy crusader, Malcolm Mitchell, read his book, *The Magician's Hat*, the story of a magician who reveals an awe-inspiring treasure from his bag of tricks - books that make every kid's dream come true! Malcolm is a Valdosta High School graduate and former wide receiver for the University of Georgia and the New England Patriots. During his freshman year at UGA, he noticed that his ability to thrive on the field did not match his success in the classroom and everyday life skills. As a struggling reader, he began to tackle this challenge, and through perseverance, books became an avenue for expanding his curiosity, creativity and learning, helping him to reach his full potential. Malcolm graduated in December 2015 with a degree in Communications. Today, through his "Read with Malcolm" initiative and the Share the Magic Foundation, he is inspiring children in Georgia and throughout the country to discover the joy and benefits of reading. Malcolm will also be speaking at the General Session to follow at 3:30 p.m.

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3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

General Session

Chatham Ballroom

Presiding

Linda Blechinger, Mayor, Auburn – GMA President

Parade of Flags

National Anthem

Roger Moss

Invocation

Randy Toms, Mayor, Warner Robins

Welcome to Savannah

Eddie DeLoach, Mayor, Savannah

Recognition of Sponsors and Special Guests

Larry Hanson, Executive Director, GMA

Georgia Cities Foundation's 20th Anniversary Video and Awards Presentations

Pam Sessions, Acting President, Georgia Cities Foundation



White



Gregory



Higginbotham



Mitchell

Speakers:

- **Otis White**, President, Civic Strategies, Inc.
- **Alex Gregory**, Retired CEO, YKK Corporation of America
- **Joan Higginbotham**, Former NASA Astronaut
- **Malcolm Mitchell**, Valdosta High School graduate and former University of Georgia and New England Patriots Wide Receiver

The final portion of the session will focus on leadership. Otis White, president of Civic Strategies, Inc., has spent much of his career observing and interacting with local government leaders. In brief opening remarks, he will discuss the importance of local leadership and highlight attributes of effective city leaders. Attendees will then hear inspiring messages from three highly successful individuals who embody the qualities of great leaders.

*Special thanks to **Georgia Power** and **The Coca Cola Company** for their support of this event.*

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5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Book Signing with Malcolm Mitchell

Outside Chatham Ballroom

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Legislative Policy Council Meeting

Room 102-104

The Legislative Policy Council is the focal point for the Association's legislative policy effort, combining the efforts and input of GMA's six standing policy committees as well as input from the Spring Listening Sessions. The Council prepares a proposed Legislative Platform for consideration by GMA's six policy committees at the Annual Convention in Savannah. Following the policy committee meetings, the Council may make any further refinements to the Legislative Platform deemed necessary before voting to present it to the membership for approval at the annual business meeting on Monday morning. Following the adoption of GMA's legislative platform, the Council may discuss ideas to broaden engagement between city officials and legislators prior to the 2020 General Assembly session.

Presiding:

Vince Williams

Mayor, Union City – GMA Second Vice President

*Special thanks to **GMA Retirement Programs** for their support of this event.*



Monday, June 24

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
Voting Credential Pickup
Outside Chatham Ballroom

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Business Meeting
Chatham Ballroom

Presiding

Linda Blechinger, Mayor, Auburn – GMA President

Report from the Legislative Policy Council
& Adoption of the 2020 Legislative Policies

Vince Williams, Mayor, Union City – GMA Second Vice President

Report from the Federal Policy Council

Jim Thornton, Mayor, LaGrange – GMA Third Vice President

Nominating Committee Report & Election
of 2019-2020 Officers and Board of Directors

Evie McNiece, Commissioner, Rome

Update on GMA Initiatives

Larry Hanson, Executive Director, GMA

Concluding Remarks

Linda Blechinger, Mayor, Auburn – GMA President

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions

- ◆ **Combatting Human Trafficking in Georgia Cities:
An Update from the GRACE Commission**
Room 102-104

Human trafficking is a major epidemic across the country impacting the lives of millions, many of them children. Atlanta has been identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as one of the major hubs in the country in relation to human trafficking crimes.

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Local governments are on the front lines in the fight against human trafficking. Many of the locations that traffickers use are located in the corporate limits of Georgia cities, and local officials are key allies in the fight against human trafficking.

First Lady Marty Kemp has made this grave issue a key priority and created the Georgians for Refuge, Action, Compassion, and Education Commission (GRACE) to combat human trafficking in Georgia. She will discuss the efforts of the Commission and will be joined by fellow GRACE Commission Co-Chair GBI Director Vic Reynolds and GRACE Commission member Camila Zolfaghari, VP of Advocacy at Street Grace. They will discuss the vision and objectives of the commission and ways for local governments to partner with the state to end human trafficking.

Presenters:

- **Marty Kemp**, First Lady, State of Georgia
- **Vic Reynolds**, Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- **Camila Zolfaghari**, Vice President of Policy, Street Grace



Kemp

Staff Contact:

Joel Wiggins, Governmental Relations Associate

◆ **Make Sure Your City is Ready for the Next Disaster** *Room 100-101*

Since 1973, there have been 60 federal disaster declarations in Georgia with all counties being affected. The purpose of this session is to provide a basic understanding of the emergency management system and to equip participants with action steps and knowledge to successfully prepare their jurisdiction for the eventuality of disasters.

Presenters:

- **Charley English**, National Emergency Management Liaison, American Red Cross
- **Homer Bryson**, Director, Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency
- **Ron Feldner**, City Manager, Garden City
- **John Holman**, City Manager, St. Marys
- **Terrell Jacobs**, Municipal Operations Consultant, GMA

Staff Contacts:

- **Stan Deese**, Director, Risk Management Services
- **James Westbury**, Property and Liability Claims Manager

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◆ **Rural Broadband: Partnerships to Succeed**

Room 204-205

Broadband has become as essential to residents as electricity, yet many regions in Georgia still lack broadband access. Some regions are taking matters into their own hands, finding creative solutions to provide service to their residents. During this interactive panel discussion, participants will hear from a community that has developed partnerships to provide public solutions for broadband connectivity. Presenters will also include experts who will share information about technical assistance and grant and loan funds available through the federal and state government.

Moderator:

Scott Woods, Manager, BroadbandUSA Technical Assistance, National Telecommunications & Information Administration

Presenters:

- **Andrew Hayes**, General Field Representative, USDA Rural Development Telecommunications Program
- **Eric Snell**, President/CEO, Georgia Public Web
- **Deana Perry**, Executive Director of Broadband, Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- **Anthony Howard**, Mayor, Blakely

Staff Contacts:

- **Becky Taylor**, Federal Relations and Research Director
- **Pam Helton**, Consulting Services Director
- **Terrell Jacobs**, Municipal Operations Consultant

◆ **Enabling Entrepreneurship through Innovation Spaces**

Room 105-106

A new breed of entrepreneurs has emerged and they are actively seeking out alternative spaces to work, develop innovative ideas into businesses, and establish themselves in a creative and unique fashion. This collaborative and incubative work space approach recognizes the synergy of sharing ideas and space, as well as the positive influence of being among others in the development process. This session will provide participants with information about the benefits of alternative work space development and how incubators, accelerators, innovation centers, and other unique workspaces can foster innovation and entrepreneurship in downtowns and commu-

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nities. Presenters will showcase some examples of successful projects and approaches that have capitalized on this growing business trend.

Moderator:

Marcia Hampton, City Manager, Douglasville

Presenters:

- **Josh Rogers**, President and CEO, New Town Macon
- **Paul Radford**, City Manager, Sugar Hill
- **Jen Bonnett**, Executive Director and VP of Innovation/Entrepreneurship, The Creative Coast

Staff Contacts:

- **Perry Hiott**, Director, Community and Economic Development
- **Chris Higdon**, Community Development Manager
- **Stephanie Aylworth**, Downtown Development Manager

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

◆ **Is Your City Ready for Its Close-up? Preparing for the Film Industry**

Room 105-106

In 2018, Georgia was home to 455 qualified TV and film productions, resulting in \$2.7 billion in direct spending. As the production possibilities continue to rise for the state, several cities are seeking ways to join this movement. This session will uncover how cities from both rural and metro areas are managing Georgia's film and television boom. From permitting and ordinances to marketability, presenters will share their experiences and provide resources to build a camera-ready community while protecting their residents. Session attendees will also hear tips to best leverage their cities' assets from a production professional.

Moderator:

Randall Franks, Councilmember, Ringgold

Presenters:

- **Cam Jordan**, Deputy Administrator, Fitzgerald
- **Hasco Craver**, Assistant City Manager, Newnan
- **Vince Williams**, Mayor, Union City
- **Mac Gordon**, Board Member, Location Managers Guild International

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Staff Contacts:

- **Amy Henderson**, Director, Communications and Marketing
- **Brian Wallace**, Director, Strategic Initiatives
- **Kelli Bennett**, Communications Manager

◆ **Dollars and Censu\$: Make Them Count**

Room 100-101

The decennial Census is required, important, and can have a significant impact on your community's bottom line. Census data is used for federal, state, and local funding distributions; intergovernmental agreements; drawing state and federal legislative districts; school districts; and congressional reapportionment. At this session, participants will hear from a U.S. Census Bureau expert, the Co-Chair of the Georgia Complete Count Committee, and city and county officials about why Census data is so important to cities and how cities can conduct outreach and engage with their communities to ensure an accurate count.

Moderator:

Wendy Davis, Commissioner, Rome

Presenters:

- **Rusty Haygood**, DCA Deputy Commissioner and Co-Chair, State Complete Count Committee
- **Thurman Tillman**, Census Partnership Specialist
- **Bill Bruton**, City Manager, Marietta

Staff Contacts:

- **Becky Taylor**, Director, Federal Relations and Research
- **Holger Loewendorf**, Research Analyst

◆ **House Hunters Georgia: Finding Housing Options in a Low-Inventory Environment**

Room 204-205

The impact of success in bringing people and jobs into a region often shows itself in inflated property values, especially in areas where people desire to live. The domino effect of good economic development can also lead to pricing people out of their communities. This panel discussion will inventory the pressures, both subtle and obvious, and focus on options available to states and local governments to help secure and retain housing for workforce, seniors and other sectors in and around

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areas in high demand or those areas that simply lack housing stock. Panelists from the Center for Community Progress, the Georgia Association of Realtors and Georgia Advancing Communities Together will offer their perspectives from the national level down to the grass roots.

Moderator:

Julie Smith, Mayor, Tifton

Presenters:

- **Bambie Hayes-Brown**, President & CEO, Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.
- **Jeff Ledford**, Senior Director of Governmental Affairs, Georgia Association of Realtors
- **Sara Toering**, Senior Fellow, Center for Community Progress

Staff Contact:

Michael McPherson, Governmental Relations Associate

◆ **Understanding Georgia's Civic Health:
A Primer for Georgia's City Leaders**

Room 201-202

Civic health includes a wide range of civic engagement indicators, from social interactions among friends and family to the ways people participate in groups and communities. Civic participation is one of the cornerstones of democracy, and strong civic health is vital to a healthy, functioning democracy. Research has linked civic health to economic resilience, workforce development, child development, adolescent well-being, mental health, and other public health outcomes, as well as access to opportunity, community vitality, lower violent crime rates and youth delinquency, and reduced mortality. Unfortunately, Georgia's civic health is not strong. In this session, attendees will get an update on the recently released Georgia Civic Health Index from the Georgia Family Connection Partnership and hear from two communities that have taken a deeper dive into understanding their civic health.

Moderator:

Kenny Ruffin, Councilmember, Riverdale and Secretary, Georgia Family Connection Partnership

Presenters:

- **Gaye Smith**, Executive Director, Georgia Family Connection Partnership

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- **Rebecca Rice**, KIDS COUNT Manager, Georgia Family Connection Partnership
- **Katie Moncus**, President, Washington County Chamber of Commerce
- **Allison McPhee**, Executive Director, Family Connection and Communities in Schools of Washington County
- **Jill Moody Vanderhoek**, Executive Director, Community Partnership of Macon-Bibb, A Family Connection Collaborative

Staff Contact:

Brian Wallace, Director, Strategic Initiatives

12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Awards and Installation Luncheon

(separate ticket required)

Chatham Ballroom

Opening Comments

Linda Blechinger, Mayor, Auburn

Invocation

Dr. Fred Williams, Superintendent, Dublin City Schools

Installation of GMA Board and Officers

Rusi Patel, General Counsel, GMA

Josh Powell, City Attorney, Dublin

Municipal Government Hall of Fame Presentation

Randall Walker, Mayor Pro Tem, Perry

Clerk of the Year Award Presentation

Dianne Landers, City Clerk, Thomson – President, Georgia Municipal Clerks Association

Recognition of Certified Cities of Ethics

Julie Smith, Mayor, Tifton

Great Promise Partnership Cornerstone

Community Awards Presentation

Lori Heemann, Executive Director, Great Promise Partnership

*Special thanks to **Charter Communications** and **US Bank** for their support of this event.*

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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Rapid Fire Sessions:

Showcase of Successful Initiatives

Interested in learning about successful programs and projects that have been initiated in other cities across the state? If so, plan to attend one of the Rapid Fire Sessions. Each session will provide attendees an opportunity to hear fast-paced presentations, followed by a brief question and answer period.

Staff Contact:

Janice Eidson, Director, Conferences & Management Services

Small City Rapid Fire

Room 100-101

Moderator:

Jason Weaver, Mayor, Screven

Dahlonega (population 7,000)

All-Abilities Playground

In early June, the City of Dahlonega opened the Gold Adventure All-Abilities Playground, which is located in Hancock Park. Working with Connectability, Inc. to assist with design, the playground features not just play equipment, but sensory experiences and musical instruments.

Jesup (population 10,000)

Historic Theater Renovation

The Historic Strand Theatre opened in 1924 and closed its door in 2009. In 2016, Ralph and Jamie Hickox purchased the theatre and returned it to its art deco glory days by upgrading screens and technology, adding additional theatres and installing leather reclining seats. The next step was to hire a chef and provide upscale dinner to movie viewers. The theater now attracts more than 3000 citizens to the downtown on any given weekend. Ralph also serves as a Wayne County Commissioner.

Leesburg (population 3,000)

Train Depot Rehabilitation

Built in 1895, the Leesburg Train Depot originally served the Central Georgia Railway. In 2006, the structure was severely damaged during a storm and fell into disrepair. The City of Leesburg, with the help of a GDOT grant and SPLOST funds, saved the building from imminent collapse. The depot now serves as the home for the Lee County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority.

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Metter (population 4,200)

Business Incubator Program

Partnering with Georgia Southern University, the City of Metter has set up a new Business Incubator in its old Public Works Building. The incubator will help new businesses get started with a low investment in office space. The city is working with the Department of Agriculture's Economic Development Division and all businesses will focus on Georgia Grown products.

Monroe (population 13,500)

Alleyway Design Project

In 2018, the Monroe Downtown Development Authority had two goals in mind: address the limited on-street parking problem and bring creative places to play into the downtown area. The solution was to take cluttered alleyways and make them entertaining and interesting in hopes that visitors would park in areas behind the buildings so they could enjoy their walk to local businesses.

Pelham (population 4,000)

Using Murals for Tourism and Economic Development

The city of Pelham wanted to commission a mural that would boost tourism and economic development, as well as beautify a blighted area. The city also wanted to feature images of landmarks that are memorable to the community but no longer there. With the help of a Georgia Council for the Arts Vibrant Communities Grant, the completed mural will serve a dual purpose of incorporating an outdoor movie theater and bringing people in the downtown.

Porterdale (population 1,500)

Small Cities Using Technology Effectively

The city of Porterdale will share ideas for how small communities can be SMART, using available resources and technology to understand the environmental impact of towns and be able to explain it in language that can be understood.

Washington (population 4,200)

Sanitation Overhaul

The city of Washington overhauled its sanitation operation and went from a \$56,000 deficit to an \$85,000 gain in operating expenses. This feat was accomplished by retrofitting trash pick-up equipment, placing trash bins in key locations for the trash pick-up units to dump into instead of having a garbage truck following them around and replacing door-to-door pick up of recyclables with a recycling center. Staff was cut in half by not replacing employees as they retired.

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Large City Rapid Fire
Room 105-106

Moderator:

Sharon Subadan, City Manager, Albany

Canton (population 28,000)
Employee Roadmap System

The city of Canton did away with traditional employee evaluations that used rating scales for a simplified Annual Roadmap that uses short-term action plans and goal setting. This was developed by the city manager for the Leadership Team and has been expanded citywide. Results include better understanding of citywide objectives, improved morale, ownership of tasks and true employee feedback on career progression.

Douglasville (population 34,000)
Employee Volunteer Program

To align with the city's new tagline of "Impact that Matters," city leadership has encouraged employees to go outside of their job duties to impact the Douglasville/Douglas County community by volunteering their time. The city's volunteer program was started during National Volunteer Week in May 2019. Every month employees are sent information regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities in the community that may need additional help. The program is continuous, and the top performing employee volunteer will be awarded with the "Impact Award" during the city's annual Employee Service Awards Ceremony.

Lawrenceville (population 30,000)
Summer of Impact – Building a Legacy of Leaders

Hear how the City of Lawrenceville has created a grass-roots movement to enhance and sustain the dynamic culture of its community by cultivating a leadership mentality among the City's youth. Rising Juniors & Seniors from Lawrenceville's servicing schools of Central Gwinnett and Discovery High apply for 20 internship positions with business, non-profit and government agencies across the community. As the City develops, youth engagement and the investment in their professional and personal experiences becomes increasingly important to the overall goal for a sustainable, engaged and vibrant town built on long-term leadership principles taught at an early level through these impactful, summer experiences!

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Marietta (population 62,000)

Trash Talk App

The Marietta Trash Talk App allows residents and business owners to be directly connected to the city's Sanitation Services. Users receive daily reminders tailored to their particular piece of property regarding pickup times, schedules and get alerts when service will be delayed or schedules change. They can also schedule special pick-ups of large items and excess brush, find out what can be recycled, and where they can take items like paint and chemicals that have to receive special handling. With the app, users can even report potholes, street lights that are out and any other issue that they would like the city to handle.

Powder Springs (population 15,000)

Business Liaison Team to Recruit and Retain Businesses

To assist new businesses in the city, Powder Springs has created the Business Liaison Team (BLT). The team is an assemblage of city staff members working in tandem to provide concierge business development services for new and existing businesses in the city limits. The BLT offers a menu of professional services that range from business plan review to assistance with licensing and permitting, to grand openings and ribbon-cuttings. One of the unique menu items the BLT offers is the One-Stop Permitting Process. This program was created specifically to assist new and existing companies facilitate and expedite permitting, thus saving them time and money.

Sugar Hill (population 25,000)

Creating a Downtown: The E-Center

Sugar Hill's E-Center proudly serves as "the Center of Everything." The 180,000 SF mixed use project is owned and operated by the city's Downtown Development Authority and features entertainment, dining, and commercial space as well as a community gym and the Art Deco-style Eagle Theatre. The \$46 million development connects these and other downtown experiences with public space featuring sculptures, water features, and outdoor seating. City leadership has centered downtown and community development on adaptability, regularly revising strategic plans to be responsive to market opportunities as well as citizen input. Capitalizing on unique ideas and opportunities afforded by an engaged community has created a small-town feel connected to big-city ideas laser-focused on one clear goal - becoming a destination downtown.

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2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

RMEBS Meeting

Westin – Grand Ballroom B

This session will begin with the annual meeting of GMA's Risk Management and Employee Benefits Services membership. If your city participates in one or more of the Association's retirement and insurance programs, you are invited to attend. Following the membership meeting, meetings of the Board of Trustees which oversee these programs will be conducted. These include the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS), the Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund (WCSIF), Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) and Defined Contribution/Deferred Compensation Boards of Trustees. The session will conclude with the Georgia Municipal Captive Insurance Company Annual Shareholders meeting.

Presiding:

Kenneth Usry, Mayor, Thomson – RMEBS Chair

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DCA Wage and Salary Survey Focus Group

Room 203

6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Closing Event

Exhibit Hall and Chatham Ballroom

This year's event will feature a beach themed "Taste of Savannah" with some of your favorite Savannah restaurants participating. Fun games and activities will be spread around the venue. The evening will end with the Swingin' Medallions beginning at 7:30 pm upstairs in the Chatham Ballroom.



Tuesday, June 25

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Registration

8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Municipal Training Institute

Continental breakfast is provided to training participants.

Course descriptions can be found in the Convention mobile app, training brochure or on the GMA website.

◆ **Beyond the Beltway: Influencing Federal Policy**
Room 100

◆ **Economics of Education**
Room 101

◆ **Information Privacy and Security Breaches:
Prevention and Response**
Room 102

◆ **Let's Get Social**
Room 103

◆ **Municipal Taxation 102: The Basics Continued**
Room 104

◆ **Municipal Law Update 2019**
Room 205

◆ **New and Emerging Technology for Cities**
Room 204

◆ **Public Works and Transportation***
Room 105-106

◆ **Risk and Insurance 101**
Room 203

◆ **Succession Planning:
Preparing for Tomorrow's Workforce Today**
Room 202

** This course is on the "required" list for the Municipal Training Institute certificate program.*

Georgia Municipal Clerks Association

Conference & Training Schedule

Friday, June 21

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- ◆ **Ethics for Filing Officers** (CE Credit)
Westin: Grand Ballroom D
- ◆ **Meeting Management 102** (Required)
Westin: Grand Ballroom E
- ◆ **Work/Life Balance: Keys to Handling Stress**
(CE Credit)
Westin: Grand Ballroom F

Saturday, June 22

8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Continental breakfast and lunch provided for training participants.

- ◆ **Government 101** (Required)
Westin: Grand Ballroom D/E
- ◆ **IIMC Athenian Dialogue: The Gatekeeper** (CE Credit)
Westin: Grand Ballroom F
- ◆ **Masters Education Management Development Program - Ethics and the Public Servant**
Westin: Riverscape

3:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Opening Reception

Savannah Convention Center Exhibit Hall

Sunday, June 23

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service (optional)

Convention Center: Room 105-106

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast and Business Meeting

Westin: Grand Ballroom C

Presiding: Dianne Landers

Clerk, Thomson - GMCA President

Keynote Speaker: Bruce Goddard

Speaker, Humorist, Pastor and Undertaker

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Boxed lunch provided in training classes

◆ **Meeting Management 103** (Required)

Westin: Grand Ballroom D

◆ **Elections Training: Part One**

(must take Part Two to receive CE Credit)

Westin: Grand Ballroom E

◆ **Budget and Financial Reporting** (CE Credit)

Westin: Grand Ballroom F

3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

GMA General Session

Convention Center: Chatham Ballroom

Monday, June 24

8:30 am – 11:30 am

- ◆ **Elections Training: Part Two**
(must take Part One to receive CE Credit)
Westin: Grand Ballroom E
- ◆ **Tax Revenue 202** (Elective)
Westin: Grand Ballroom D
- ◆ **Cyber Security Risks Every City Faces**
(CE Credit)
Westin: Grand Ballroom F

12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Awards Luncheon (ticket required)
Clerk of the Year will be announced.
Convention Center: Chatham Ballroom

Closing Event (separate ticket required)
Convention Center: Exhibit Hall

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Congratulations to the following city officials who have shown dedication to continuing education and lifelong learning.

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Kaye McCann, Blairsville

Masters' Education Management Development Program Graduates

Maribeth Lindler, Pooler

2018-2019 Lifetime Service Award Recipients

The Lifetime Service Award recognizes elected city officials, city managers, city clerks and city attorneys who, upon leaving office or retiring, had completed 35 or more years of service.

Phillip M. Goldstein, former councilmember, Marietta (37 years)

David L. Aldrich, former city manager in Bainbridge,
LaFayette, Hogansville, Garden City and Hartwell (37 years)

Dent Jackson, Jr., former councilmember, East Dublin (39 years)

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437 Accenture LLP

Accenture Security helps governments and organizations prepare, protect, detect, respond, and recover along all points of the security life cycle.

Cybersecurity challenges are different in government. Citizens and businesses alike expect municipal leaders to keep our records and data safe and free from hacks, ransom, or other cyber attacks. Leveraging our global resources and advanced technologies, we create integrated, turnkey solutions tailored to your needs.

407 Advanced Disposal Services

Provide solid waste, recycling, disposal services for cities in Georgia.

519 Aflac

Aflac understands the challenges that public sector employers are facing around their benefits. We aim to provide cost-containment solutions and help with the administrative burden associated with employee benefits.

403 Ajax Building Corporation

As an employee-owned 3rd generation family-operated Construction Management-at-Risk firm, Ajax is recognized as a leading municipal and public safety contractor with facilities including City Halls, Police Departments, and Emergency Operations Centers. As your Construction Manager-at-Risk, Ajax will guarantee a price prior to construction, then deliver your project on time, with the highest level of safety, customer service, and quality.

712 American Public Works Association

The American Public Works Association Georgia Chapter exists to develop and support the people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain and improve our communities through public works and infrastructure.

520 American Tank Maintenance, LLC

American Tank Maintenance is a premium service provider for water storage tank maintenance.

233 American Water Resources

American Water Resources is the premier service line protection company in the US. We partner with utilities and municipalities to deliver customized homeowner and utility solutions that address the key needs of the company and customers.

821 Applied Information, Inc.

Smart City applications including connected vehicles, fire/emergency preemption, transit priority, and school zone flasher programming, all through the GLANCE cloud software and TravelSafely smartphone app.

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800 AquaGuard Foundation Solutions

Our process allows us to correct and repair such items as:

- Drainage pipes
- Stormwater basins/manhole collars
- Roadway settlement
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738 Atmax Equipment Co.

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344 Avenu Insights & Analytics, Inc.

Avenu Insights & Analytics works closely with local officials to help cities, towns, and counties of all sizes gain the untapped revenue and budget insights to achieve more.

Our full range of solutions streamlines the process of identifying non-compliance, securing lost revenue, and supporting day-to-day operations. Led by Avenu's experienced analysts, and backed by our performance-based fee model, it's a simple — and safe — way to get the big picture of revenue potential.

507 Baker Tilly

In the spring of 2019, Baker Tilly combined with Springsted Incorporated (St. Paul, Minnesota), an independent financial and municipal advisory firm, and H.J. Umbaugh & Associates Certified Public Accountants, LLP (Indianapolis, Indiana), a financial and municipal advisory firm, to create Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors. Our team of professionals brings practical, realistic, and creative solutions to the challenges faced by public entities. As an independent advisory firm, Springsted provided high quality, independent financial, and management advisory services to public and not-for-profit organizations for more than 60 years. Springsted was one of the largest and longest established independent public sector advisory firms in the U.S.

413 Barge Design Solutions, Inc.

Barge Design Solutions, Inc., is a multidisciplinary professional services firm with offices across the southeast. We place a strong focus on providing cost-effective, high-quality solutions for meeting our clients' short-term and long-term needs.

401 BatesCarter & Co., LLP

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612 Belgard

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beauty and protection. And we can't wait to see what you think of next. So dream big, get inspired, and enjoy a lifetime of outdoor memories with Belgard Hardscapes.

726 Blount Construction Company, Inc.

Blount Construction is an employee-owned construction company performing turnkey packages in full depth reclamation, base and soil stabilization and pavement preservation throughout the southeast.

633 BM&K Construction & Engineering

BM&K is a multi-disciplined construction and engineering firm providing professional service in construction management, program management, licensed general contracting, civil engineering, and land acquisition to public and private clients.

6 Border Equipment Company

Your authorized Case Construction Equipment Dealer in Georgia with sales, service and parts offices in Savannah, Atlanta, and Augusta.

300 BS&A Software

BS&A Software provides a tightly integrated ERP system designed specifically for local governments that demand leading-edge, feature-rich solutions at a value price. We are driven to excellence in all areas of our business by focusing 100% of our efforts on providing solutions to our clients' problems, creating deep and lasting customer relationships through unparalleled customer care, and tenaciously pursuing continued improvement in our software through innovation and customer feedback.

608 Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.

Founded in 1828, Bureau Veritas is a global leader in quality assurance, health, safety, and environmental (QHSE) solutions.

BVNA has an extensive background in building services. Our range of experience in this unique arena covers literally every key area of service, defining a building department in today's industry. We are skilled at helping existing building departments augment or refine their current level of client service or capable of crafting a department from the ground up.

813 Carl Vinson Institute of Government/UGA

The Carl Vinson Institute of Government is a UGA Public Service and Outreach unit that offers training and technical assistance and conducts applied research to help local and state governments operate efficiently and effectively and provide improved service to the public.

518 Carter & Sloope, Inc.

Carter & Sloope, Inc. is a civil engineering consulting firm specializing in water and sanitary sewer systems, storm drainage, road work, and site design.

105 Carter Watkins Associates Architects, Inc.

Carter Watkins Associates Architects, Inc. has been providing attractive, cost-effective architectural solutions to Georgia cities for twenty years. The firm believes in hard work and in providing hands-on service to our clients from the beginning of the project until well after it has been completed. Visit our website at www.carterwatkins.com or drop us a line at info@carterwatkins.com for more. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at GMA!

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Formed by the merger of Superior, TriTech and Zuercher, along with the public sector and healthcare business of Apteon, CentralSquare Technologies is an industry leader in public safety and public administration software, serving over 7,500 organizations—from the largest metropolitan city to counties and towns of every size—and impacting the lives of three in four citizens across North America. Our rich history of partnership with public sector agencies has underscored an important, shared goal: to transform public service operations and help build safer smarter communities.

424/426 Charles Abbott Associates

Charles Abbott Associates, Inc. (CAA) has been a national contract service provider to state and local government agencies since 1984. Our expertise and local presence allow us to provide your city with the best value for plan reviews, building permits, and inspections as well as code enforcement, city engineering, public works, environmental, and fire prevention. Visit us at booth 424 to learn why more and more Georgia municipalities turn to CAA for their building & safety services.

708 Citibot

Citibot connects cities to citizens through interactive text messages run by AI. With Citibot, citizens can text message in questions, service requests, and personalized messages and receive an immediate response. Citibot helps cities scale the type of customer service that citizens deserve, and it makes the city more responsive and efficient!

621 Clark Patterson Lee

We are architects, engineers, and planners who feel inspired to make our world a better place through exceptional design, dedicated service, and lasting client relationships.

728 ClearWorld, LLC

ClearWorld LLC is an alternative energy systems provider responsible for the creation of Retroflex, a Solar LED Exterior Pole Lighting System!

243 Comcast Business

Comcast Business provides a variety of enterprise solutions for network connectivity and managed services that enable large businesses to simplify the complexity of their network in the face of dynamic innovation.

725 Comprehensive Program Services, Inc.

Comprehensive Program Services was established in 1998 to provide hands-on project management services to building owners. Our focus is on public sector work, and our experience ranges from city halls to courthouses, detention facilities, municipal buildings, higher education facilities, and parks. We act as the Owner's representative, providing leadership and oversight of projects from their initiation, proactively setting them up for success. We work to understand your mission and achieve your goals and perform a variety of key activities such as assessments of existing conditions, needs assessments, programming, team onboarding, and contract negotiations, as well as budget and schedule management. Our expertise helps ensure your projects not only meet your needs on day one but lead to long-term return on your capital investment.

106 Consolidated Disposal Systems

Consolidated Disposal Systems will be celebrating our 40th anniversary of the company next year. We are a full-service company which represents

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Labrie & Leach Refuse Products, Tymco Sweepers, New Way Refuse Products, Schaefer Curbside Carts, Wastequip/Galbreath Roll-off Hoists, Hol-Mac Trash Loaders, DuraTech Industrial Tub Grinders, and many other refuse products. Located in Smyrna, we have a service, parts, and sales facility to handle all the customer needs.

600 Consolidated Pipe & Supply

Consolidated Pipe & Supply proudly serves municipal water, sewer systems, and natural gas systems. CPS is proud to represent Master Meter Water Meters and the full line of Master Meter Advanced AMR and AMI Meter Reading Systems. CPS is your distributor of Mueller fire hydrants, valves, and water/gas service materials. CPS is your source for Ductile Iron, PVC and HDPE pipe and fittings. CPS is located in Lawrenceville, Acworth, Covington, Macon, Savannah, Waycross, Albany and Columbus.

902 Cooper & Company General Contractors

Cooper & Company was founded in 1967 as a full-service general contracting firm committed to serving clients in Georgia and throughout the south. Based in the metro Atlanta area, Cooper & Company has successfully completed over 600 projects in all divisions of construction and now provides pre-construction, construction management, design-build, and general contracting services to our clients. And while a lot of things have changed since 1967, our approach to construction has remained constant. The four pillars that guided us in 1967 are the same four pillars that guide us today: Excellence, Integrity, Cooperation, and Safety.

108 Cooper Carry, Inc.

Cooper Carry is a national firm offering Architecture, Environmental Graphics, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, and Planning/Urban design services.

203 Council for Quality Growth

The Council for Quality Growth is a 33-year-old trade association representing the growth and development industry which promotes balanced and responsible growth in metro Atlanta Region. It brings the development community and policy makers together as it focuses on long-range community planning, catalyzing consensus on growth issues, and convening a discussion on responsible development.

500 Croft & Associates, PC

Croft Architecture is committed to achieving excellence in architecture by serving our clients well through listening, applying our experience, delivering quality, and being passionate about our work.

724 Croy Engineering

Croy Engineering is an award-winning engineering, planning, and surveying firm based in the Southeast. We specialize in all aspects of Civil Engineering and Program Management, focusing on providing solutions to local governments.

615 Duffield Aquatics, Inc.

Commercial Swimming Pool Equipment and Services

806 Dukes Edwards & Dukes, Inc.

Dukes Edwards & Dukes, Inc. has performed invaluable services for over 60 years as construction consultants and builders. Our services include program management, construction management, and design build. Throughout Georgia, the company serves as a proficient and esteemed leader in the construction industry.

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331 Eastern Engineering

At Eastern Engineering, we help municipalities with water, sewer, and stormwater projects. Our area of focus is for smaller municipalities who need help in navigating the overall process, from achieving funding from State and Federal agencies through engineering the project all the way to completion. After all these years, we are still headquartered out of the small town of Lake City, and we use this intimate knowledge of small towns to move them forward in ways large engineering firms sometimes do not understand. We look forward to meeting you this year!

219 Ecycle Atlanta, LLC

Ecycle Atlanta offers computer and technology recycling for Georgia municipalities at zero cost. Our services include free onsite pickup and removal of surplus IT equipment and other electronics. Additionally, we offer hard drive data destruction at no charge. Contact Bill May at 678-324-9760 or bill@ecycleatlanta.com for additional information. To schedule a pickup, call 404-766-0300.

307 Edmunds & Associates, Inc

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545 EDTS

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526 Electric Cities of Georgia

Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) is a non-profit organization serving 52 public power members in Georgia. ECG provides strategic and technical services to our members to maximize the performance of their utilities and, to a greater extent, create successful communities with economic prosperity and opportunity.

Our services include Engineering & Energy Services, Training & Safety, Joint Purchasing, Aggregated Services (e.g., bidding on Tree Trimming, Meter Testing, and Pole and Padmount Inspection), Pole Attachment Services, Hosted Solutions (cloud-based software to handle Inventory, Work Order/Fixed Asset Management and Outage Tracking), Analytical Services, Professional Development Training, Legislative & Regulatory, Economic & Community Development, and AMI Smart Metering project management.

627 EMC Engineering Services, Inc.

EMC Engineering Services, Inc. is a multi-disciplined consulting engineering firm providing local planning, surveying, engineering, landscape architecture, and construction phase services to clients throughout the Southeastern United States.

737 Engineering Management, Inc.

Engineering Management, Inc. (EMI) has over 150 years of combined experience in general civil and environmental engineering, including Financial Feasibility Studies, Funding Procurement, Program Administration, Design

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Services, Permitting, Construction Inspection, Facility Operations, and Engineering Consulting. At EMI, we understand your needs and have the talent and expertise to exceed your needs and expectations.

208 Enterprise Fleet Management

Helping cities do more with less by acquiring new vehicles and operating under budget. With the free analysis provided to all GMA members, Enterprise helps cities form a sustainable plan to reduce vehicle costs.

912 EOM Operations

EOM Operations, a privately owned and operated Woman-Owned Business Enterprise, specializes in public works operations and facilities management with a vision to be the solution to a better, more sustainable tomorrow. EOM is leading the charge in helping their client's navigate change and setting the pace for the future of private-public partnerships. EOM's mission is to offer a public works solution that enriches and sustains the communities served- one smile, one service, one resident at a time.

700 ESG Operations, Inc.

With approximately 800 employees and 25 offices located throughout the Southeast, ESG Operations is one of the nation's fastest growing utility operations and public works management companies. Our success is based not only on our unique blend of skills and real-world, hands-on experience, but also on an unparalleled commitment to our clients, our associates, and our core beliefs and principles.

809 Falcon Design Consultants, LLC

Falcon Design Consultants, LLC was founded in 2006 and is a full-service civil engineering, planning, surveying, and construction management firm. Our project coordination and design abilities have provided many cities and counties superior engineering and substantial cost savings throughout their projects. We are committed to providing excellent service, competitive contracts, and ensuring compliance with all state and federal jurisdictional requirements.

10 Fireline, Inc.

Founded in 1994, FireLine, Inc. is a family-owned and operated fire, rescue and safety equipment distributor. FireLine, Inc. offers a wide range of products from flashlights to fire trucks. We are Georgia's and South Carolina's dealer and authorized SE dealer.

230 Fort Valley State University

Fort Valley State University's Cooperative Extension Program develops needs-based programming for limited-resource clientele, public and private entities, and delivers technical assistance in the following subject-matter areas: Agriculture & Natural Resources, Community Development & Outreach, Family & Consumer Sciences, and 4-H Youth Development.

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732 Fortiline Waterworks

Fortiline Waterworks is one of the largest distributors of underground water, sewer and storm utility products in the United States. Founded in 1997,

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Fortiline distributes more than 75,000 SKUs to a diverse base of more than 4,000 contractor, developer, and municipal customers through a network of more than 50 branches across the U.S.

406 Garbutt Construction

Garbutt Construction Company was established in Dublin, Georgia in 1976. Utilizing Lean Construction methodologies, Garbutt Construction Company provides professional design-build and construction management services for numerous municipalities across the state.

904 Georgia Airports Association (GAA)

GAA's mission is to provide, develop, and expand a safe and efficient airports system to meet the future economic growth of Georgia through the implementation of the State Aviation System Plan.

515 Georgia Association of Code Enforcement

Since 1998, the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) has been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for citizens of Georgia, by providing effective public service in the enforcement of codes and ordinances. GACE has a membership of more than 475 Code Enforcement Officers from 86 cities and 63 counties across the State of Georgia.

330 Georgia Association of Regional Commissions

The Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC), through its members, provides planning, economic development, workforce development, and aging services to local governments throughout the state.

336 Georgia Community Action Association

GCAA member agencies provide services that assist low-income families with assistance in the achievement of self-sufficiency and economic security.

433 Georgia Cyber Center

The Georgia Cyber Center represents a unique public/private partnership that includes Augusta University, Augusta Technical College, the University System of Georgia's research institutions, the City of Augusta, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Department of Defense, and other state, federal, and private-sector partners working together to meet workforce demand. The mission of the center is to cultivate an ecosystem where the combined talent of government, academia, and private industry will deliver affordable and relevant training/education; develop the region's cybersecurity workforce; solve complex cybersecurity challenges; and offer unbiased advice to policy-makers, in order to provide our state and the nation with a decisive advantage in cyberspace.

313 Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) is the state agency that supports people with mental health needs, substance use disorders, and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our vision is easy access to high-quality care that leads to a life of recovery and independence for the people we serve. Judy Fitzgerald has served as commissioner of DBHDD since 2016. dbhdd.georgia.gov

335 Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS)

State Agency that is responsible for driver education, testing, and licensing.

736 Georgia Department of Transportation-LTAP

LTAP, Local Technical Assistance Program, provides free technical training,

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information, and assistance designed to bridge the gap between federal, state, and local transportation professionals with an emphasis on city and county needs.

418 Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) has provided more than \$4.3 billion in low-interest loans to cities, counties, and infrastructure authorities for improvements to water, wastewater, and solid waste systems. More than 1,600 projects have been funded by GEFA to date, including solid waste management projects and land conservation purchases and easements.

324 Georgia Family Connection

Georgia Family Connection is the only statewide network in the nation dedicated to the health and well-being of children, families, and communities. We empower partners in 159 counties to craft local solutions to achieve sustained improvement in the conditions, prospects, and outcomes for Georgia's citizens.

512 Georgia First Amendment Foundation

The Georgia First Amendment Foundation, established in 1994, is a non-profit organization that works to educate citizens, public officials, journalists and lawyers on Georgia's open records, open meetings and free speech laws. As part of our mission, we advocate for government transparency, free speech rights, and access to public information, meetings, and proceedings. We do that critical work at the state General Assembly, in the courts and in county and city offices across Georgia.

229 Georgia Forestry Commission

The Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) is a dynamic state agency responsible for providing leadership, service, and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources.

639 Georgia Head Start Association

The mission of the Georgia Head Start Association is to provide education, leadership, and advocacy that support Head Start programs' efforts in delivering high-quality, comprehensive services to Georgia's children, families, and communities.

333 Georgia Initiative Community for Housing

The Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) helps communities improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally-driven housing and revitalization strategies. This is achieved through technical assistance, collaboration, training, networking and mentoring. Since its inception, GICH has helped over 76 communities across the State of Georgia with the implementation of various housing initiatives including neighborhood revitalization, development of multi-family tax credit apartments, failed subdivision redevelopment, and the creation of local land banks. Through its key partnerships with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Georgia Municipal Association and Georgia Power, GICH continues to be a vital resource for communities in Georgia.

332 Georgia Public Library Service

GPLS is the state agency that provides state and federal level support, advocacy, training, programming, and funding to the 62 public library systems containing 407 libraries, empowering them to improve the lives of all Georgians.

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543 Georgia Recreation & Park Association

GRPA is the professional association for all recreation professionals in Georgia. We provide professional development for our members and district/state athletic competitions for their all-star teams.

733 Georgia Safe Sidewalks

We help cities manage their sidewalk inventory and help keep sidewalks in compliance with ADA. We have a reputation unmatched in the state of Georgia.

327 Georgia State Firefighters Association

GSFA, in existence since 1952, is the largest and oldest fire service organization in the state.

206 Georgia Youth ChalleNge Program

The Georgia Youth ChalleNge Program is a voluntary alternative education program open to 16 to 18-year who are behind academically or have already left school and who are looking for a way to change their lives through education, service to the community, physical fitness and life skills training. This 22-week residential military-style, the tuition-free program helps young people earn their GED, or High School diploma and offers pathways to enroll in college, enter the workforce, or join the military. Since 1993, Georgia has graduated over 16,535 young people from this program, and over 50% have earned an academic credential, either a GED or High School diploma, that provided them the ticket to a more productive future.

325 GMA Gas Section

The GMA Gas Section's purpose is to coordinate activities and assist municipal natural gas systems in providing efficient, safe, and economical service to their consumers.

439 GMA's IT in a Box

From backing up and securing your data to modernizing your website, we know it's tough for cities to invest in the right technology and hire the best professional expertise to guide them along. But those investments need to happen. Otherwise, your data and city operations are at risk. To address these needs cost-effectively without taking any shortcuts, we helped create a packaged technology service we call "IT in a Box."

100 Goodwyn Mills & Cawood

Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. is a multi-disciplined firm providing a wide range of services in the fields of engineering, architecture, and interior design, landscape architecture, surveying, and planning.

542 GovDeals, Inc.

GovDeals, Inc. provides online auction services to governmental agencies to sell their surplus items online.

302 GovPayNet

A category leader & solution-oriented processor of credit, debit, and pre-paid debit card payments to government agencies, we facilitate quick and convenient payments when it matters. We are a trusted resource that processes more than 2.2 million payments annually for over 2,300 agencies in over 40 states, soon to be across the U.S.

308 Grady Health System

Grady serves Georgians from every county in the state each year by offer-

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ing a premier Level 1 Trauma Center, Neonatal ICU, and nationally recognized Burn and Stroke Centers. Grady operates the Georgia Poison Center and trains one out of every four doctors practicing in the state. Grady EMS provides 9-1-1, specialty care transport, and currently serves 16 counties across the state. Georgia can't live without Grady. www.Gradyhealth.org

851 Granicus

Granicus provides technology that empowers government organizations to create better lives for the people they serve. By offering the industry's leading cloud-based solutions for communications, meeting and agenda management, and digital services to more than 4,000 public sector organizations, Granicus helps turn government missions into quantifiable realities. Granicus products connect more than 160 million people, creating a powerful network to enhance government transparency and citizen engagement. By optimizing decision-making processes, Granicus strives to help the government realize better outcomes and have a greater impact for the citizens they serve.

4A/4B Grasshopper Company

The Grasshopper Company introduced the first zero-turn mower with dual swing-out levers in 1969. Grasshopper specializes in manufacturing True ZeroTurn riding mowers and grounds maintenance implements for its full line of zero-turn mowers, including snow removal equipment, grasscatchers, and debris removal equipment, aerators, edgers, sprayers, and other year-round productivity solutions.

227 Great Promise Partnership

GPP is a public-private partnership that empowers and equips at-risk students to complete high school while gaining real-world job skills and experience, creating a path to personal success and the workforce of the future. Engaging with GPP offers Georgia employers an opportunity to address the critical need of recruiting and developing the next generation of workforce talent.

430/432 Great Southern Recreation

We design, sell and build commercial playgrounds, splash pads, site amenities, pavilions, and sunshades.

412/414 Hasley Recreation, Inc.

Hasley is Georgia's Premier Recreation Consultant.

536 Hayes, James & Associates, Inc.

Hayes, James and Associates has provided civil and water resources engineering, land planning and surveying to the southeast for over 60 years. www.hayesjames.com

730 HDL Companies

HDL Companies is dedicated to supporting local governments across the U.S. with revenue enhancement, technology, and consulting services that enable cities, counties, and special districts to better serve their constituents. Founded in 1983, HDL Companies' comprehensive approach to revenue management is trusted by over 500 local governments. The company has successfully recovered over \$2 billion in revenue for client agencies. For more information, visit www.hdlcompanies.com.

419 Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.

Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc., Columbus, GA, has provided architectural and interior design services since 1960. We have design experience

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with city halls, libraries, justice centers, and recreational facilities.

808 Hogan Construction Group, LLC

Founded in 1998 by Mr. Paul Hogan, Hogan Construction Group, LLC provides general contracting, construction management and design-build services for clients throughout the southeast.

625 Holiday Designs

Holiday Designs manufactures and sells commercial Christmas decorations.

719/818 Home Depot

Founded in Atlanta, Georgia in 1978, Home Depot continues to be the leader for your Maintenance, Repair and Operation's needs. The Home Depot gives procurement professionals comprehensive solutions and access to the construction and building materials they need most. With professional Renovation Services and installation, we provide a turnkey solution for your project needs. The contract makes it easier than ever to get the supplies you need. We also have an outside sales team who can work with you on your projects to ensure you have the dedicated support and know-how to do business your way.

503 Hussey Gay Bell

Ranked as an ENR Top 500 Design Firm for nearly 20 years, regional design firm Hussey Gay Bell caters to seven core markets - commercial and residential, education, government, healthcare, industrial, transportation and water - by offering a fully integrated range of engineering disciplines including civil, water/wastewater, transportation, natural gas, environmental and structural in addition to architecture, interiors, landscape architecture and surveying. To learn more about HUSSEY GAY BELL, please visit our website at www.husseygaybell.com.

908 Hustler Turf Equipment

Commercial Turf Equipment

409 Inframark Infrastructure Management Services

A leader in management services, Inframark is a team of proven professionals that delivers the financial, administrative, and specialized support services that help make communities, associations, and special districts stronger. For nearly four decades, we have been a go-to partner, solving problems and driving processes that make our clients' jobs easier, their bottom lines stronger, and their communities better.

538 Ingram & Associates Consulting Engineers, LLC

General Civil Engineering firm specializing in water distribution and treatment, wastewater collection and treatment, street and drainage, and continuous work with funding agencies.

501 InterDev

InterDev provides professional Information Technology (IT) services and support to government, education, business, and non-profit organizations across Metropolitan Atlanta and the southeast United States. InterDev's primary focus is on Managed Information Technology (IT) Services.

425 IPL, Inc.

IPL offers a comprehensive range of injection-molded containers for municipal and industrial waste, recycling, or organic handling projects. Our carts have exceeded the expectations of our North American end users

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for over 25 years, thanks to successful product development tailored to consumers' essential needs. Our carts are manufactured and tested to meet all American National Standards Institute (ANSI) requirements, ensuring years of dependable service and peace of mind. Every single IPL cart comes with a 10-year warranty and a 20-year life expectancy, even in the worst conditions. When you choose IPL, you choose a recognized, industry-leading product. IPL carts are the choice of cities across North America.

640 ITsimple

ITsimple is the developer of civic mobile apps as It'sMyTown, a smart-phone app-based Content Management Platform where municipalities, public-safety agencies, and CVBs share information and real-time updates with residents, visitors, and commuters. Available to iOS and Android users, the apps are backed by cloud-based software as a service (SaaS) content management system, and a secure administrative portal. We are simplifying people's everyday lives by Connecting City and Community.

400 Jacobs

Jacobs is among the world's largest and most diverse providers of technical, professional and construction services, including all aspects of architecture, engineering, and construction, operations and maintenance, as well as scientific and specialty consulting.

826 Jericho Design Group, LLC

Architecture & Interior Design Full Scope Services

502 JMA Architecture

JMA Architecture provides professional design services-architecture, interior design, and planning.

613 Keck & Wood, Inc.

Engineering consulting firm providing transportation, water resources, and natural gas engineering, landscape architecture, urban redevelopment, site design, and land surveying for state and local governments, utility authorities, public institutions, and private developers.

429 Kendall Supply, Inc.

Sensus, a Xylem Brand Distributor for Water Meters and AMR/AMI Reading Technology

715 Kompan Playgrounds

Playground designer and manufacturer

201 KorKat

In just a few short years, KorKat has grown to be one of the largest distributors in the country of commercial recreation equipment. Supported by 15 sales reps and four full-time installation crews, we provide much more than successful distribution for customers like you.

427 LaRocca and Associates

Full-Service Employee Benefits Brokerage Firm

103 Lead Edge Design Group, Inc.

Lead Edge Design Group provides consulting engineering leadership and expertise in developing community airports and surrounding opportunity zones from grants through construction.

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602 LG Affiliates

Local Government Affiliates (LG Affiliates) is a coalition of experts in local government services dedicated to saving your community money. Savings can be achieved in health insurance, cell phone/wireless services, solid waste services, payroll, HR, risk management, energy consumption, finances, retirement, and more. Our experts have over 200 years of experience and are anxious to "show you how" you can save public resources for your citizens. Our website is www.LGAffiliates.com or call us at 386-846-0687. Let us help you trim your budget and realize your unique savings profile today!

212 LGRMS

Local Government Risk Management Services is the risk management organization formed by the Georgia Municipal Association and the Association County Commissioners of Georgia. Our organization is responsible for risk assessments and training. The driving simulator program was started in 2001 and initially targeted member law enforcement agencies to reduce the risk of law enforcement driving issues. Since that time, we have trained 10,000 law enforcement officers and have also included fire, EMS, and other emergency responders in the state of Georgia. Our training program includes classroom training in conjunction with an emergency vehicle simulator to deliver training on such issues as compliance with Georgia law, vehicle dynamics, maintenance, due regard for the public and arriving at the scene safely. This training is offered at no charge to members of GMA or ACCG Property and Liability and/or Workers Compensation Insurance programs.

221/320 Mason Tractor Company

Mason Tractor Co. is your Georgia Authorized Bandit Dealer.

609 Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Mauldin & Jenkins has provided assurance, tax and advisory services since 1918. Our culture, from the beginning, has been to provide top quality service to every client. Since the firm's inception in Albany, GA, we have added offices in Atlanta, GA, Birmingham, AL, Bradenton, FL, Chattanooga, TN, Columbia, SC and Savannah, GA. We have grown into one of the top 100 accounting firms in the nation.

306 Milner Technologies

Milner Technologies is a leading provider of document workflow and imaging solutions for Enterprise Content Management (ECM) and business process automation. We provide the knowledge and technology to leverage the value of document-based information and content in a legally accepted archived format.

900 Moreland, Altobelli Associates, LLC

Moreland Altobelli, an Atlas company, is a full-service engineering and program management firm in Duluth, Georgia.

421 MSI Benefits Group

MSI Benefits Group has over 35 years of experience in employee benefits insurance brokerage. We place equal emphasis on expert consulting, seamless implementation, and year-round administrative service and support.

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513 Mueller Systems

Mueller Systems provides advanced metering infrastructure (AMI); automated meter reading (AMR) and a full line of residential, fire line and commercial meters which help improve conservation, increase efficiencies and reduce non-revenue water.

528/530 Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia

The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia is the largest joint-action natural gas agency in the U.S., serving 79 public natural gas systems. Its Members collectively serve over 80 billion cubic feet of natural gas annually to approximately 250,000 consumers.

629 Municipal Services Bureau

Found in 1991, Municipal Services Bureau (MSB) offers revenue enhancement services including payment processing, debt recovery, and parking solutions, to more than 650 clients throughout the United States. With the financial strength of a Fortune 500 firm behind us, we are setting ourselves apart by focusing on the acquisition of companies designed to elevate your business. Using this approach, our clients have experienced greater operational efficiencies, improved data security, increased accountability, and lower overall costs.

603 Municode

Municode's mission is to connect you to your citizens. To do so, we work with our 4100 municipal clients across the country to create products and solutions that promote transparency, efficiency, and that enable you to more effectively serve your staff and citizens. Whether it's through our legal codification process, our robust suite of online legislative search tools, custom website design, or our online payment portal, our goal is to help you more effectively engage with the citizens in your community.

702 Musco Sports Lighting

Musco has shaped the history of sports lighting since 1976. The company's TLC for LED™ technology delivers unmatched light quality, control, efficiency, and reliability.

836 Nationwide Retirement Solutions

Nationwide Retirement Solutions helps public sector employees prepare for and live in retirement. We offer 457, 401a and many other services to the employees of Georgia's cities.

843 New Line Skateparks

New Line Skateparks is an internationally renowned full-service municipal skatepark design and construction team. As industry pioneers with over 300 highly recognized projects and 18-plus years of concrete skatepark development experience, we offer a signature brand of design-build expertise focused on creating integrated skatepark environments that create a meaningful connection between youth and the communities in which they live.

727 New South Construction Company

New South Construction is a well-respected, Atlanta-based construction management firm with our primary markets in Municipal/Local Government, Education, Sports, Housing (Multi-Family, Student Housing, Senior Housing), Aviation, and Criminal Justice.

444 Newport Group

Retirement Plan Provider

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845 NFP

NFP is a leading insurance broker and consultant that cares deeply about our employees' and clients' well-being. We're honest, hardworking, dedicated professionals who love what we do and strive to lead by example. But what truly defines us is that for us, business is personal.

408 NLC Service Line Warranty Program

The NLC Service Line Warranty Program partners with municipalities to educate property owners about their service line responsibilities and to help residents avoid the out-of-pocket expense for service line repairs. Offered at no cost to the city, the program provides affordable protection and ensures delivery of timely, high-quality repair services.

832 NOVA Engineering & Environmental

Since inception in 1996, NOVA has quickly become an industry leader, providing environmental consulting, geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing and inspections, plan review and code compliance, municipal/government outsourcing, and roofing/building envelope consulting services. As a result, our firm has developed successful business relationships and lasting friendships that span over the years.

315 Optech Family of Companies

Optech Family of Companies provides state government, industrial, and municipal clients with innovative and cost-effective solutions for utility system management. Our services include operations, maintenance, and management of public works, water, wastewater, and utility billing systems. The Optech Family of Companies is an entirely American-owned & privately held company.

830 Optotraffic LLC

Optotraffic is an industry leader in traffic safety enforcement solutions and designs, builds, and services cutting edge technologies for state and local agencies seeking violator funded public safety programs. With our comprehensive suite of back office support services, we work hand-in-hand with local government officials to increase public safety in communities throughout the U.S.

434/436 Parker Young Construction/FireStar

Parker Young Construction & FireStar is a premier disaster repair and recovery construction firm based in Atlanta, GA. With over 40 years of expertise within the industry, the company has built a stealthy portfolio serving commercial, residential, government, educational, healthcare, senior living and hospitality properties. Encompassing an entire in-house team, ranging from HVAC specialist to interior designers, Parker Young's reputation has shown a proven track record for quality and customer satisfaction. With coverage in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and North Carolina, we are able to handle all of your project needs.

338 Penn Credit Corp.

Penn Credit is a privately held national receivables management firm, exercising a variety of markets including government, healthcare, utility, and higher education, servicing first and third party collections and EBO division.

938 Perimeter Office Products

Office, Janitorial, Break Room, Coffee, Print & Promo, Furniture Products, and Services. We are next day delivery and have no shipping charges.

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Hours of operation are 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Local representation throughout the Atlanta region. In-house customer service and company trucks to serve in the Atlanta region. Courier service outside of the Atlanta region.

209 Pet and Playground Products

Commercial Playgrounds, Dog parks, Pet waste solutions, Outdoor Fitness, and Outdoor amenities

713 Pike Consulting Group

ON-SITE, INSTRUCTOR-LED SAFETY TRAINING FOR YOUR MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE

Pike Consulting Group offers County Commissioners and City Managers an experienced resource for health and safety training for all of their workers. Our Authorized OSHA trainers utilize over 35 years of safety experience to promote safe work practices in all 159 counties across Georgia.

443 Piper Jaffray

Piper Jaffray is a leading investment bank and asset management firm. Our public finance group provides underwriting and financial advisory services to state and local governments and not-for-profit entities. Supported by a broad national platform, our expert team in Georgia leverages their localized knowledge to facilitate the issuance of taxable and tax-exempt debt across a range of sectors: state and local government, charter schools, cultural & social service nonprofits, healthcare, higher education, hospitality, project finance, K-12 school districts, senior living and transportation.

812 Place Services, Inc

Place Services, Incorporated, founded in 2006, is a nationwide commercial general contractor specializing in new construction, design, and renovation. Locally based in Canton, Georgia, we have completed projects as far away as Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

The PSI Design Build Division is committed to providing quality construction and design services to our clients on-time, on-demand, and under budget.

606 PlaySouth Playground Creators

We provide and install quality playground equipment and related products for your park.

707/709 Playworld Preferred

Playworld Preferred is a turnkey provider of the highest quality commercial playground and outdoor equipment! Our innovative products, design, installation, service, and local customer support are just some of the reasons why businesses in Georgia choose Playworld Preferred.

718 Playworx Playsets

Little Tikes Commercial Play Equipment Sales & Installation

801 Pond & Company

Since its inception in 1965, Pond has grown into a thriving 550-plus person firm with 25 offices around the world. Headquartered in Peachtree Corners, Pond provides Georgia and the Southeast with a center of excellence in transportation, aviation, energy, defense, education, recreation, and local government work. Their projects span across more than 83 Georgia counties and stretch around the world.

The key to Pond's success is reflected in their vision statement: To be our client's first choice for comprehensive project delivery by always

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providing exceptional customer service and care.

701 Precision Planning, Inc.

Precision Planning, Inc. is a multi-disciplined design firm based in Lawrenceville, Georgia, with a 30-year history of successful county and city projects. In-house capabilities include Architecture; LEED Project Management; Civil, Transportation and Structural Engineering; Water Resources Engineering; Landscape Architecture; Interior Design; Land and City Planning; Land Surveying; and Grant Administration.

514 Pro Pump Solutions, Inc.

Pro Pump Solutions is a service-based company with a complete service shop that provides our customers with start-ups, installation, tear-downs, rebuilds, troubleshooting, control panel diagnosis, and repairs. Our team of certified experts is constantly exceeding our customers' expectations with our exceptional quality service and our 24/7 emergency response. We assist customers in the municipal, industrial, commercial, residential, and mining industries.

824 PUBLIQ Software

PUBLIQ provides an integrated software suite for municipalities, counties, and utility districts; providing accurate calculation, collection, and distribution of money, printing, and mailing of statements, and effective budget management. PUBLIQ believes you can best serve your community when your software works for you, and we are committed to your success and ensuring the trust of your customers.

631 Radarsign, LLC

Radarsign offers radar speed signs in AC, solar, and portable battery powered models. School zone beacon systems are also available with our radar speed signs. Access the signs via Wi-Fi, or remotely with cellular modem service. 100% MUTCD-compliant. Certified Quality System ISO 9001:2015. Proudly engineered and manufactured in the USA.

337 RA-LIN

RA-LIN has navigated the landscape of state and municipal construction since 1972 as a trusted construction manager and contractor. Renovations to new construction for public works facilities, city halls, fire stations, justice centers, and detention facilities, and community libraries our work continues to attract municipal and public clients from across the Southeast. Whether you need a place for city leaders to meet, firefighters to sleep or somewhere quiet to read a good book, we've got you covered.

508 Republic Services, Inc.

We provide non-hazardous solid waste collection services for commercial, industrial, municipal, and residential customers. Republic Services owns and operates Recycling Facilities, Transfer Stations and Landfills.

601 Rindt McDuff Associates

Rindt-McDuff Associates, Inc. has provided civil and environmental engineering services to Georgia's local governments since 1980. RMA is intimately familiar with loan and grant programs which may be utilized by governments to greatly reduce their indebtedness. These grant programs have been utilized by RMA municipal clients in the last few years to secure over \$25 million for their water/sewer/infrastructure improvement projects.

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5 Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc.

Rush Truck Center of Georgia has 13 locations in the State of Georgia. We can meet your parts, service, sales & body shop needs for International Truck & Engine, Isuzu, Hino & IC Buses.

301 Rushton & Company, LLC

Rushton & Company, LLC is a full-service CPA firm specializing in audit and consulting services for local governments, agencies, and authorities.

841 Ryland Environmental

Solid Waste and recycling company

415 SAFEbuilt Georgia

Safebuilt has over 25 years of experience providing Community Development solutions to over 750 municipalities. Planning/Zoning/Building Department Services/On and Off-site Plan Review/Code Enforcement/Facility management and Arborist Services/Consulting

620 Santek Waste Services

Santek Waste Services offers Residential, Commercial and Industrial waste solutions as well as Landfill Management Services in multiple states throughout the southeast United States.

906 Schnabel Engineering, LLC

Schnabel Engineering, LLC provides dam engineering and geotechnical engineering services to municipal and county governments.

102 Schneider Electric

Schneider Electric provides performance-based solutions that enable municipal clients to address their infrastructure renewal needs in a fiscally responsible manner while aligning operations with their public service mission.

914 Scicorp International Corp.

Sludge levels are reduced significantly, and odors are eliminated with the latest micronutrient technology. SciCorp International Corp works with all types of wastewater facilities and has proven that their BIOLOGIC (TM) SR2 will deliver operational savings, stop complaints, and drastically reduce your carbon footprint.

200 Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger

532 Sensys Gatso Group

Automated traffic enforcement solutions, including red light, speed, and uninsured vehicle enforcement programs complete with processing, mailing, and payment fulfillment services.

506 Sizemore Group

Sizemore Group, a civic architectural, planning and project management firm, partners with local government clients to create cultural spaces and beautiful places.

509 Southeast Cement Association

Southeast Cement Promotion Association supports promotional and educational programs for cement-based construction solutions for highways, roads, and city streets.

202 Southeastern Engineering, Inc.

SEI is a multi-faceted engineering firm serving public and private clients throughout the southeast region. Our services include traffic, transpor-

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tation, environmental, and civil engineering, program, and construction management, land surveying, landscape architecture, and 3D scanning. We are a Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) and certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Equal Opportunity Division and a Female Business Enterprise (FBE) by the City of Atlanta.

847 Southern Tire Mart, LLC

Southern Tire Mart provides commercial tires in various sizes (Pursuit, Passenger/Light Truck, Medium Truck, and OTR), tier services and retreading on the State of Georgia contract.

431 SouthFire Media

We create websites for cities and counties that balance the best of form, function, and the overall user experience. Our websites are built from the ground up to rank fast and reach your constituents.

720 Spatial Engineering, Inc.

Spatial Engineering is a geospatial engineering firm located in Rincon, Georgia. Started in 2000, Spatial Engineering provides state of the art spatial data services and solutions.

642 Starbound PR Firm, LLC

At Starbound, we create comprehensive PR and digital marketing strategies that address the needs of your target audience. We are a multilingual PR consulting firm that specializes in reputation management and sustainability. We create culturally diverse PR and digital marketing campaigns designed to reach all communities effectively and efficiently. Through our ability to genuinely drill deep into the core messages of our client's brand, we are able to curate exclusive campaigns that can overcome any barrier while achieving measurable success.

235 Strategic Materials Inc

Recycled glass processor

714 SUEZ Advanced Solutions

SUEZ Advanced Solutions is a fully integrated professional service and contracting firm dedicated to providing sustainable products and services for potable water distribution systems and sewage collection systems. In addition to our signature asset maintenance programs, we supply innovative technologies and smart asset management tools that help municipal and industrial water utilities optimize their operations. Our team of experienced community-based water consultants and technical experts leads the industry with a strong reputation for safety, quality work, and dependability.

918 Surveying and Mapping, LLC (SAM)

As one of the largest full-service surveying and mapping companies in the United States, SAM has the capacity to field more than 200 crews. With offices nationwide, our extensive professional and support staff consists of licensed surveyors, professional engineers, and technicians is supported by millions of dollars of equipment, hardware, and software. When combined with more than 25 years of experience, the result is a uniquely positioned service provider that is continuously prepared to mobilize quickly, perform tasks reliably, and consistently provide quality deliverables.

839 Sweeping Corporation of America, Inc.

Contract Street Sweeping and Storm Drain Cleaning

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539/638 Tank Pro, Inc.

Tank Pro, Inc., headquartered in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was first organized in 1991 for the purpose of providing cleaning, painting, and repairs to elevated and ground storage water tanks throughout the United States.

637 Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Terracon is an employee-owned consulting engineering firm providing environmental, facilities, geotechnical, and materials services. We offer clients across the country practical, cost-effective solutions from more than 150 offices. By anticipating project requirements and adapting to challenges, we make it easy for you to work with us.

815 The Brick Industry Association

The Brick Industry Association (BIA) is the national trade association representing distributors and manufacturers of clay brick and suppliers of related products and services. BIA provides a broad range of programs and services that fulfill its mission of promoting and safeguarding the clay brick industry. BIA promotes the industry through education programs like online training classes; market research including production, shipment, and other data; publications such as Technical Notes on Brick Construction, Brick in Architecture and Builder Notes; and promotional programs such as public relations, advertising and a national architectural awards competition.

619 The Collaborative Firm, LLC

The Collaborative Firm provides a variety of services to its clients, which include Comprehensive Planning, Local Planning Studies, Program Management, Public Involvement, and Visioning.

326 The Georgia City-County Management Association

The Georgia City-County Management Association (GCCMA) is a professional group comprised of appointed managers/administrators serving cities, counties, regional councils, and other local government in the State of Georgia. GCCMA focuses on providing educational and professional resources as well as networking opportunities to a diverse membership.

334 The Georgia Downtown Association

The Georgia Downtown Association (GDA) is a non-profit association that promotes the economic redevelopment of Georgia's traditional downtowns. Through advocacy, education, and marketing, GDA works to focus the public's attention on the value of downtown. GDA is an independent association that supports both public and private sector efforts targeted at enhancing Georgia's downtown's.

541 Tidewater Ag and Construction

Case CE Construction Dealer

614 TSW

TSW is a full-service planning, architecture, and landscape architecture firm celebrating over 25 years of community design.

803 Tyler Technologies

Provide more services, more efficiently to the public. Tyler makes it easy for citizens to access government information and interact with their officials. With us, you can deliver robust, value-added services, while improving efficiency using our web-based solutions. With Tyler's software solutions, you can provide convenient 24-hour access, reduce paper, save citizen time, and so much more. Our powerful ERP applications will empower departments within local and state governments

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to better manage citizen-facing services.

731 United Consulting

United Consulting is a multi-discipline engineering consulting firm based in Norcross, Georgia, specializing in geotechnical engineering, environmental services, geophysical services, construction materials testing, and inspections.

4 Universal Concepts

Universal Concepts, www.christmasdecorandmore.com.
Commercial Holiday Displays - Sales and Service
Since 1980

521 USA Shade

USA Shade offers shade solutions for everything under the sun! We are the largest and most capable shade structure manufacturer in the United States. Our fabric structures provide unlimited design options and applications for architects and builders looking for innovation and enhanced aesthetic appeal.

834 USDA Rural Development

RD helps rural areas to develop and grow by offering Federal assistance that improves quality of life. RD targets communities in need and then empowers them with financial and technical resources.

319 Utility Management Services, Inc.

UMS offers a risk-free audit and analysis of your electric bills to search for errors and overcharges. If we are not able to recover costs or find savings for your organization, you'll pay nothing. If we do find savings, we are paid out of the savings we obtained for you- so you can only come out ahead.

UMS is the largest and most successful firm of its type in the Southeast. Since 1998, our professionals have audited over 100,000 accounts for more than 8,500 customers and have identified over \$150 million in cumulative savings for our customers.

618 Utility Partners, LLC

Utility Partners' core business is in operating water and wastewater treatment facilities, maintaining collection and distribution systems, and managing public works departments. The solutions we provide our clients (public or private) are not based on a 'one-size fits all' approach. Instead, we take into account the unique challenges and nuances each project has and create a customized operations plan. Whether it's for Water, Wastewater, or both, Utility Partners can supply an effective solution. Our consistent growth is a strong testament to the level of commitment we give to each and every one of our clients. We strive to create a lasting partnership built on loyalty, ingenuity, and tenacity.

524 Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Vaughn & Melton operates in five states offering a comprehensive range of services including, surveying, right of way acquisition, structural, water and wastewater, sub-surface utility engineering (SUE), site development, GIS, highway design, and construction engineering & inspection (CEI) services.

706 VC3, Inc.

For the past 25 years, VC3 has been on the leading edge of Information Technology, providing a full range of technology solutions and services

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to local government organizations. As the well-established technology partner for over 220 cities, towns, municipal leagues, and COGs across the United States, VC3 can leverage its expertise to ensure your municipality utilizes technology to better serve your citizens.

849 Veugeler Design Group

Veugeler Design Group is an award-winning, digital marketing and design agency focused on delivering compelling work that gets you noticed, tells your story, and attracts and converts the customers you want.

920 Vortex Aquatic Structures International

With more than 7,500 installations in 45 countries, in public, commercial and entertainment settings, Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc. is the world leader in aquatic play landscapes and entertainment. Vortex International provides imaginative, durable aquatic play and water feature solutions that create everlasting memories. Our ongoing mission is to develop fun, safe, and reliable products for families and children of all ages and abilities.

907 Wade Ford

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814 Waste Industries

Waste Industries is a solid waste and recycling collection company which began operations in 1970. We believe in going above and beyond expectations, providing a level of service that allows for each and every one of our customers to get the highest quality of collection available.

735 Waste Management

Waste Management, Inc. is North America's leading provider of integrated environmental solutions. We partner with our customers and communities to manage and recycle waste from collection to disposal while recycling valuable resources and creating clean renewable energy.

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607 Winter Construction Company

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309 Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

Wood is staffed by more than 6,000 talented professionals (500-plus in Atlanta) serving public and private clients worldwide in design, engineering, planning, environmental, and construction engineering services. Our company offers its clients a strong and experienced local project team that has full access to the considerable worldwide resources and personnel of Wood.

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643 365 Degree Total Marketing

365 Degree Total Marketing provides branding services for a wide range of clients, including municipalities, utilities, county governments, tourism organizations, economic development authorities, convention and visitors bureaus, and more. In the process, the firm was won four national gold awards and one international bronze award for clients in the past three years alone.

Upcoming 2019 Training Dates

**Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute,
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Jekyll Island
Tuesday - Friday, August 27-30, 2019**



**Downtown Training,
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Jekyll Island
Tuesday, August 27, 2019**



**Fall Training,
James H. Rainwater Conference Center, Valdosta
September 26-27, 2019**

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Georgia cities have been caring for clients in state hospitals during the holidays since 1959. Now is the time to start planning your fundraising activities for the GMA Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. It is never too early to start thinking about others. A little thought goes a long way toward bringing joy to those who need it most. More information will be distributed later this summer.

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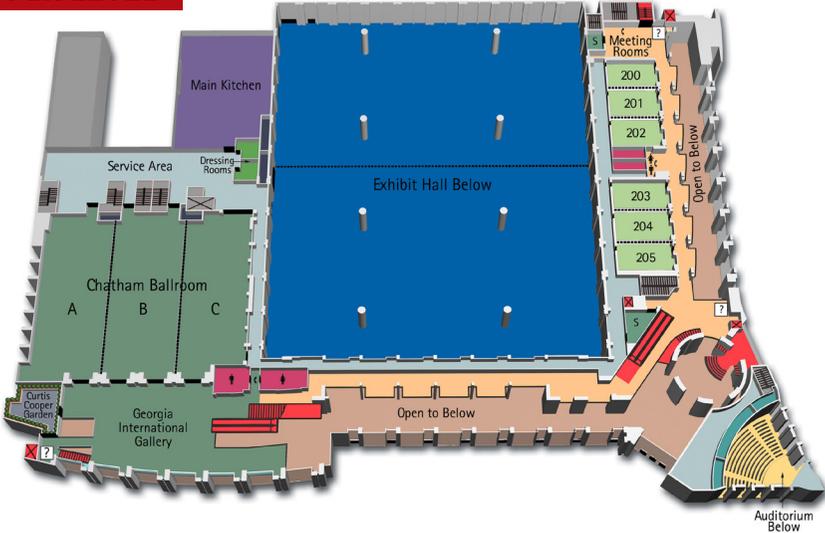
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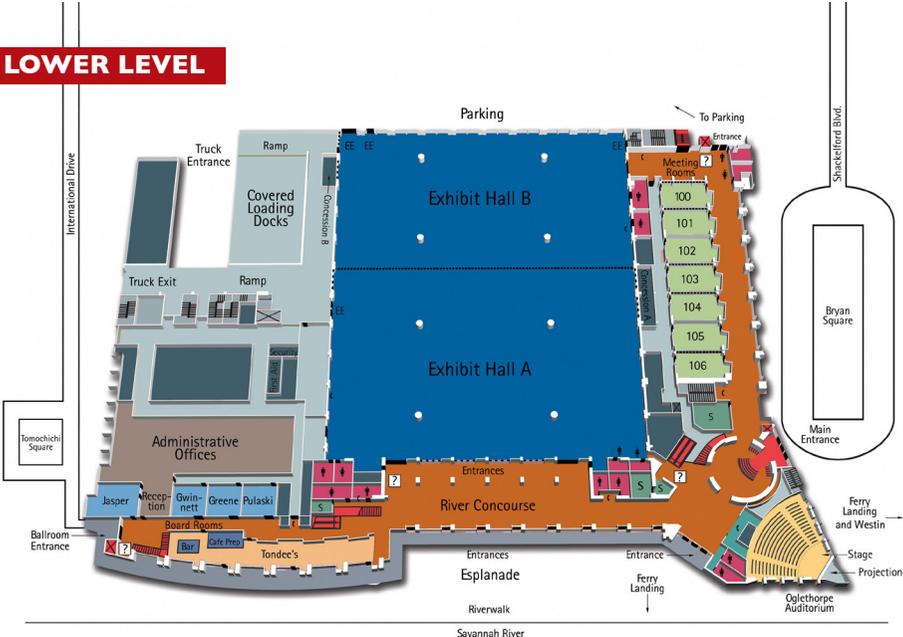


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