COUNTIES CONNECT:
A LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Institute of Government
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AND INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT

The South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) will host **Counties Connect: A Legislative Action Day** on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at the Hilton Columbia Center/USC Alumni Center in downtown Columbia. Formerly known as the association's Mid-Year Conference, **this event provides an excellent opportunity for county leaders to connect with their local delegation members to advocate for their counties.** Institute of Government classes will be offered in conjunction with the conference on Thursday, February 23.

All county officials are encouraged to participate. The program will kick off at 10:00 A.M. with a legislative briefing followed by a group visit to the State House while the House and Senate are in session. County leaders will have opportunities to talk with delegation members. Lunch will be provided at the USC Alumni Center, and the program will continue in the afternoon with presentations on timely topics. County officials will also connect with their legislators during the legislative reception that evening at The Palmetto Club. Institute of Government classes will be offered the following day, Thursday, February 23. The Institute is designed to provide the opportunity for county officials to enhance their skills and abilities to function effectively as elected officials.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

____ **Counties Connect Conference - $185.00** *(includes lunch, coffee breaks, reception and all conference materials)*

____ **Institute - $90.00 per course** *(see below for course selection)* ____ **Council Chairperson's Workshop** *(no charge)*

Name _____ Informal Name (for name badge)_____

Title _____ County _____

Spouse's Name (if attending Counties Connect Conference) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Daytime Phone _____

Food allergies (please specify) _____

INSTITUTE COURSE SELECTION(S) AND REGISTRATION FEE

Please indicate below the courses in which you would like to enroll (each course is three contact hours). The cost per course is $90.00, which includes all materials and coffee breaks. (Lunch is NOT included for Institute of Government only participants.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 A.M. – Noon
☐ Level I: Employment Law: What Counties Need to Know [E]

☐ Level II: Policy Role of County Council

1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
☐ Level I: Building an Effective County Team [E]

☐ Level II: Effective Communications

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
☐ Council Chairperson's Workshop (No registration fee. Lunch included. Open to council chairs and vice chairs only.)

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S WORKSHOP

This workshop is open to all council chairmen and vice chairmen. Participants will discuss the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the chair and vice chair leadership positions. Strategies for running effective meetings, the importance of rules of procedure, and building effective working relationships will also be addressed. Although the session will be geared toward new chairs and vice chairs, experienced chairs and vice chairs are encouraged to attend. This workshop is offered free-of-charge and lunch will be provided. Participants will earn three hours of credit toward Level II certification.
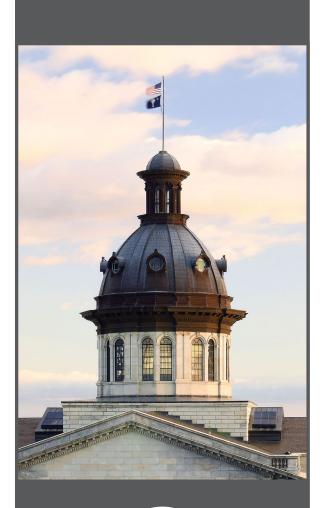
PAYMENT AND ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You may register **online**. A "bill me" option is available for those needing to pay by check. If you prefer to mail your registration with payment, please complete and mail the registration information with your check to SCAC by **Thursday, February 16, 2023.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be made in writing. The deadline for registration is **Thursday, February 16, 2023**. After this date and on-site, the registration fee will be $195.00 for the Counties Connect Conference and $100.00 per Institute course. Registrations canceled before **5:00 P.M. on February 16** will be assessed a $10 service charge. After **February 16**, no refunds will be given — no exceptions.

ONLINE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Click Here to make a hotel reservation at the **Hilton Columbia Center** (924 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201). To ensure you receive the SCAC room rate of $169.00 (plus taxes, $192.66), reserve your room before **February 3, 2023**. Parking is $14 per day. Individual cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to the check-in date. If you prefer to make your reservations by phone, please call **1-800-HILTONS** and mention the group code, **C-SCAC**. If you are sending a check, the hotel must receive the check **one month prior to your check-in**. Otherwise, you will be required to pay with a credit card at check-in. SCAC will share detailed parking information with registrants before the event. **Click Here** to complete the **Hotel Credit Card Authorization Form** if you are paying with a credit card that is not in your name.

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AGENDA

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Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Hilton Columbia Center/USC Alumni Center

Registration - USC Alumni Center
9:00 A.M. — 1:00 P.M.

Legislative Briefing - USC Alumni Center
10:00 – 10:30 A.M.

State House Visits/Meetings with Legislators
10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Lunch – USC Alumni Center
1:15 PM

Conference Presentations on Timely Topics - USC Alumni Center
2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Legislative Reception
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
The Palmetto Club (1231 Sumter Street)
Legislative Reception Location and Other Details

NOTE: The Palmetto Club has a strict dress code policy for all guests. Gentlemen are expected to wear coat and tie, coat and turtleneck, coat and collared shirt, or sweater and collared shirt. Hats and caps are not allowed unless required for religious purposes. Ladies are expected to wear dresses, appropriate suits, slacks, or evening wear. Athletic wear, shorts, tattered jeans, or sport shoes are not allowed.

Transportation will be provided for the State House visits for those who are unable or choose not to walk. Shuttles will also be provided for the Legislative Reception. More details will be shared with registrants.

INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS CLASSES

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USC Alumni Center