THE PROGRAM

No level of government, even those of the Western United States’ traditionally innovative and adaptive local governments, can relax in its pursuit of excellence and efficiency. The public demands that elected and appointed officials bring the most current and effective methods to their work. Building upon UC Berkeley’s long-standing collaboration with public officials, the Berkeley Executive Seminar (BES) offers city managers, county executives, regional directors, and other senior local government officials from throughout the West the opportunity to exchange and acquire tools for improving local government performance.

UC Berkeley professors and leaders in the local government management profession introduce participants to new ideas and perspectives in public policy and public management. The program fosters active participation and provokes insightful discussion and debate on public management issues. Participants discover innovative approaches to problem solving in the stimulating environment of UC Berkeley, California’s premier public institution of higher education. BES incorporates the International City/County Management Association’s (ICMA) Practices for Effective Local Government Management in four specific areas: strategic planning, policy facilitation, technological literacy, and integrity. Arrangements will be made to assist participants who wish to start the process to obtain their ICMA credentials by completing their self-assessment during the duration of the BES program.

THE CURRICULUM

The Berkeley Executive Seminar draws from UC Berkeley’s rich tapestry of ground-breaking research in public policy; administration and finance; energy and the environment; organizational studies; and business solutions (as adapted to public purposes).

The one-week seminar consists of lectures, group exercises, renowned guest speakers from the public and private sectors, visits to research facilities, and social activities that build a cadre of peers. Participants will have access to Berkeley’s world-class faculty across a broad range of disciplines.

PROJECTED SCHEDULE

SUNDAY
- Opening Session and Reception

MONDAY
- Conductor of Possibility: The Manager as Leader
- Strategic Thinking and Advanced Policy Analysis
- Policy Workshops/Group Projects

TUESDAY
- Budgeting Strategies
- Smarter Urban and Energy Solutions
- Luncheon and Keynote Speech
- Public Finance and Local Government
- Excellence in Public Service
BES gave me a chance to learn new skills and approaches to real world situations using proven academic theory. The Goldman School was the ideal environment in which to continue my education, learn and network with very smart, talented, fun executives that share a commitment to improving public service.

Kevin Duggan
Regional Director
ICMA’s West Coast
BES 2001

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BES 2008

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BES 2008

BES is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on both the challenges and rewards of being a local government executive. It helps us all reaffirm why we do what we have chosen to do professionally.

Peggy Jensen
Deputy County Manager of San Mateo
BES 2007

BES is a great learning experience which combines both an academic oriented look at local government public policy and the more practical ‘hands on’ approach to what we really do in the field. Most importantly though the BES experience causes one to take a step back from the day-to-day business mode we find ourselves in and reconnect with why we are in this business in the first place.

Steven Rogers
Town Manager of Yountville
BES 2009

My participation at the BES Program allowed me to invest in renewing and learning new skills that have allowed me to grow both professionally and personally. Learning opportunities like the BES Program are rare and should be treasured.

Joni L. Pattillo
Former City Manager of Dublin
BES 2010

WEDNESDAY
- Leadership and Vision
- Local Government and Climate Action
- Dinner and Keynote Speech

THURSDAY
- Strategic Management and Emerging Scenario Planning
- Washington, DC and the West
- Workshops/Group Project
- Farewell Dinner and Event in San Francisco

FRIDAY
- Negotiation Strategies and Conflict Resolution
- Luncheon and Keynote Speech
- Group Project Presentations
- Program Graduation
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

The University of California, Berkeley is considered the premier public university in the world. The national and international awards held by faculty underscore Berkeley’s preeminence. A total of 23 faculty have been named Nobel Prize winners, including the eight who are current faculty members, along with 32 MacArthur Fellows and 4 Pulitzer Prize winners. Berkeley’s academic departments consistently rank among the top five in the country. Berkeley ranks first nationally in the number of graduate programs in the top 10 in their fields. (97% of Berkeley’s programs made the top 10 list.)

GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

During the late 1960s, educators nationwide recognized the need for a new kind of graduate education, one that would foster the vision, knowledge, and practical skills to empower a new generation of policymakers. The Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) was founded at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1969, as one of the nation’s first graduate programs of its kind. Today it is ranked among the very top policy programs in the country and is recognized nationally and internationally as a source of incomparably qualified professionals in the field. GSPP faculty are actively researching public management, education and health policy, national security, housing and land use, telecommunications and the internet, environmental policy, and a myriad of other current issues.

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC POLICY

The Center for Environmental Public Policy (CEPP) seeks to set the highest standards for effective environmental policy research. CEPP aims to bridge the gap between environmental knowledge and public policy through the policy research that it undertakes. It promotes and integrates multidisciplinary considerations into its policy research through its seminars, workshops, and conferences that engage both scholars and practitioners.

BERKELEY AND THE BAY AREA

Berkeley’s central location provides easy access to the cultural and recreational offerings of northern California and the Bay Area. Enjoy the unique culture of Berkeley, known worldwide for its diversity. All of the attractions of San Francisco are just a half-hour away—a short drive across the Bay Bridge or a quick trip on Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

“Step back from your daily routine and immerse yourself in a week of reflection and discussion with other public policy professionals. This is a chance to interact with others in a relaxed and unique environment. Return to your city with new ideas and perspectives to share.”

BLAS PÉREZ HENRÍQUEZ

Director, Center for Environmental Public Policy
Faculty Director, Berkeley Executive Seminar

APPLICATION

Online applications are available at: http://gssp.berkeley.edu/centers/cepp or fill out the application below and send to the address on the bottom of this page by June 7, 2014.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME

TITLE

CITY

PHONE

FAX

EMAIL

Please attach a current CV or résumé.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer on a separate sheet in 1-2 paragraphs.

1. Describe the most challenging issue that you have encountered in your position. What actions did you take in response to the situation, what was the outcome, and what were the lessons?

2. What do you perceive to be the most important issue facing local governments? Why?

TUITION

Tuition is $5,200 and includes instruction and materials, refreshments, and a dinner with a renowned keynote speaker.

Many program participants secure funds for training from their employer to support their participation at the Berkeley Executive Seminar. If you are sponsored by your agency, please attach an official letter from the sponsoring agency confirming their full financial support. The letter should include the administrative requirements for processing the funds to UC Berkeley. Personal funds may also cover the cost of the program.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Once admitted to the program, accommodation reservations may be made by calling the Hotel Shattuck Plaza in Berkeley at 1.866.466.9199 and mentioning the Berkeley Executive Seminar (BES) group. The discounted group rate is $159 per night and subject to applicable state and local taxes. Participants must make their own reservations by Friday, June 12, 2014.

For our benefit, how did you hear about the Berkeley Executive Seminar?

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Applications received after the deadline will be considered only on a space-available basis. BES does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, age, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, political belief, disability, or veteran status.

Please sign and return the completed application by June 7, 2014 to:

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