



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Outreach

Government & Economic Development Institute

ALABAMA LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS (FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ONLY)

All courses will take place in the Marriott Prattville Hotel at 2500 Legends Circle. Successful completion of each course is worth 10 credit hours per class in the ALGTI Advanced Program. A registration fee of \$225.00 applies to each course. Please register at auburn.edu/gedi/algti.

Effective Collaboration Across County Entities **NEW** **January 18-19, 2024**

This course explores the external partnerships that can aid and expand the impactful work of the county commission. Success in county government is most often a function of county commissioners' close coordination with community groups, local charitable organizations, educational stakeholders, law enforcement, and many other jurisdictional partners. By introducing participants to statewide resources and investigating local case studies, this course best positions the commissioner to deliver on behalf of their constituents.

Introduction to Economic Development in Alabama **NEW** **April 4-5, 2024**

This course introduces the county commissioner to economic development practices throughout the state. Local government officials have an increasingly important role in business attraction, retention, and expansion in Alabama. Analyzing the tenets of industrial site selection, financing mechanisms and considerations, land use, and numerous other facets of economic development, this course empowers the commissioner to actively contribute to their county's socioeconomic advancement.

Contemporary Issues of Community Development **NEW** **June 13-14, 2024**

This course informs the commissioner of current trends and ongoing issues surrounding economic and community development. The preceding course, "Introduction to Economic Development in Alabama," is not a prerequisite for this course, so any county commissioner can register and benefit from this class (there are no prerequisites in any ALGTI programs, encouraging all county commissioners' participation). This course evaluates educational workforce implications, rural development strategies, international involvement, and several other factors of community development.

Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management **NEW** **July 25-26, 2024**

This course examines counties' best practices in preparing for emergencies and mitigating their detriment. Alabama's counties have recently encountered widespread natural disasters, public and school safety breaches, infectious disease outbreaks, and even mass wildfire. Assessing the county's role in the immediate response to such crises as well as the ensuing recovery efforts, this course improves the impact of county officials and personnel during an emergency.

Roles of the Chair of the County Commission **October 3-4, 2024**

This course enhances the commissioner's understanding of the commission chairperson's responsibilities. Both current chairs and other county commissioners who may be interested in the role are encouraged to attend. By sharpening the critical leadership competencies and teambuilding skills of participants, this course strengthens the commission's direction and effectiveness.