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CONTRACTING FOR ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES: Local Government Best Practices in Qualification-Based Selection



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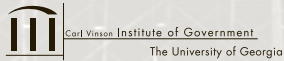
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DOES YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEED TO CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES?

Attend this course to learn
about a process that can lead to
more informed decision making.



ABOUT THE QBS COURSE

Qualification-Based Selection (QBS) is a process that helps ensure that the right architectural and/or engineering design firm is matched to the right local government project. Emphasis is placed on evaluating financial considerations within the context of long-term costs of infrastructure investments. The total project investment may include many factors such as initial design services and construction contract values, redesign, change orders, construction delays, and life-cycle operating and maintenance costs. A low-priced firm with inadequate expertise could actually lead to a much higher overall project cost.

This course uses interactive instruction and case studies to illustrate how a local government, by using QBS, can demonstrate good financial stewardship to citizens through sound, information-based decisions. QBS can diffuse the political elements of consultant selection in large infrastructure projects and assist in negotiating the best contract for a local government once a consultant is selected. The process is explained in a step-by-step format, and includes ways to avoid common pitfalls.

The course fee of \$130 includes a course notebook of instructional materials and a QBS manual published by the American Public Works Association. Refreshments, lunch, and morning and afternoon breaks are provided.

QUESTIONS?

Call or e-mail Jan Crosby at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at 706-542-9520 crosby@cviog.uga.edu.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

For most communities, selecting and contracting with an architect or engineer for design of a construction project is not a routine task. This course will be helpful to a wide variety of city and county officials who typically are involved in the planning, design, and/or construction phases of a project, including the following:

- elected officials
- public works directors
- purchasing officials
- water and sewer directors
- city/county clerks

INSTRUCTORS

The instructors are Scot Wrighton, management development associate with the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, and Dan Skalsky, senior vice president of Gresham, Smith and Partners.

WHEN AND WHERE

Thursday, January 24, 2008
Ramada Plaza Hotel
108 First Street, Macon, GA
Registration at 8:30 a.m.; class begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

The Ramada Plaza Hotel has reserved a block of rooms until December 26, 2007, at the government rate of \$79/night for those wishing to spend the night of January 23, 2008. For reservations, call the hotel at 478-746-1461.

REGISTRATION FORM

Qualification-Based Selection for
Local Governments (course #3349)

Name

Preferred name for name badge

Employer or organization

Title

Business address

City

State

Zip

Phone/FAX

E-mail address

\$130 registration fee includes materials, refreshments, and lunch. Payment secures seat. Mail or FAX this form.
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