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OTT TO LEAD ICMA

Marc A. Ott, city manager of Austin, Texas, has been selected by the ICMA Executive Board as the organization's next executive director. Ott will assume his new position on October 31, 2016.

"Marc brings to ICMA nearly 30 years of distinguished service in the local government management profession and has been a member of ICMA throughout his career. His broad local government experience includes service to a number of very diverse communities in Texas and Michigan," stated Patricia Martel, ICMA Executive Board President and city manager of Daly City, California.

Ott currently serves as the city manager of Austin, Texas, a full-service city with 40+ departments, 14,000 employees, an all-funds budget of \$3.7 billion, and a AAA bond rating that was maintained throughout his tenure.



"I am excited about the opportunity to serve and lead America's premier local government organization, one that is supremely dedicated to excellence in local governance around the world," said Ott. "The mission, values, and code of conduct espoused by ICMA serves its members, and the communities they serve, very well. This is a time of great change, and it is essential that ICMA be at the forefront in helping to shape the future of local government," he added.

Before joining Austin, he served as assistant city

manager for Fort Worth, Texas. Prior to moving to Texas, Ott served as city administrator of Rochester Hills, Michigan. He also served as city manager, deputy city manager, and as an assistant city manager in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Ott served in roles for the cities of Grand Rapids and Jackson, Michigan, and as a staff assistant to the Michigan Municipal League.

Ott earned his bachelor's degree in management with a concentration in economics and a master's in public administration from Michigan's Oakland University. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and serves on the board of directors for the Alliance for Innovation.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 NCCMA Winter Seminar

Sheraton Research Triangle Park,
Durham
February 1-3, 2017

2017 NCCMA Summer Seminar

Embassy Suites Concord Golf
Resort & Spa, Concord
June 21-24, 2017

REGISTER NOW FOR ICMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference will take place September 25-28 in Kansas City, Missouri. This year's conference will be the 102nd version of this outstanding event.

At the ICMA Annual Conference, you'll get the tools, tips, information, and resources you pick up at the conference—in addition to the opportunities for professional and personal renewal and networking—are more important than ever.

In addition to daily keynote sessions, educational and Solutions Track sessions, roundtable discussions, ICMA University workshops and forums, field demonstrations, and numerous demonstrations of technology applications that you have come to expect, ICMA's Annual Conference will offer you new opportunities to help fulfill your commitment to career-long learning. You will hear about the innovative ideas and practical strategies you need to deal with the challenges facing local governments today. ICMA's

Annual Conference is an educational and networking opportunity that you can't afford to miss!

Among the keynote speakers are celebrated journalists Soledad O'Brien (pictured) and David Brooks, along with author Bob Chapman and Venice Armour, the U.S. Marine Corps' first African-American combat pilot.

Don't hesitate; register today at <http://icma.org/en/icma/events/conference/register>. Take advantage of the discounted rates for ICMA members. **Register online by August 25 to save the most.**

The easiest way to register for the Annual Conference is to register online.

You must register by mail or fax if you are a nonmember who wants to join ICMA in order to receive the member discount.

In addition, follow all the activity – before, during and after – the annual conference on Twitter @ICMAevents and use #ICMA2016 to stay in touch.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTRO TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMING UP

Know someone in your local government entity who is ready to learn more about local government finance? The UNC School of Government is offering two tracks of Intro to Local Government Finance in August.

This introductory course provides basic instruction in local government and public authority finance and financial management. Areas of instruction include the basic legal authority and requirements governing local government revenues, budgeting processes, cash management, purchasing and contracting, expenditure control, conflicts of interest, fund accounting and financial reporting. The course also provides an overview of the state and local economic issues that inform strategic budgeting decisions.

This course will be offered in two tracks:

- August 29-Sept. 1

- August 30-Sept. 2

Both tracks will take place at the Knapp-Sanders Building in Chapel Hill on the UNC campus.

This course is designed with the following state and local government officials in mind:

- Attorneys
- City and County Clerks
- City and County Managers
- Managers and Supervisors
- Tax and Finance Officials
- Auditors
- Budget Officials
- Finance Officers
- Grant and Contract Administrators
- Purchasers
- Tax Officials

To register for the course, please visit <https://www.sog.unc.edu/courses/introduction-local-government-finance>

For questions regarding course details, please contact the program manager, Jo Ann



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Brewer, at 919-966-4196 or brewer@sog.unc.edu.

For questions regarding the content of the course, please contact the faculty coordinator, Kara A. Millonzi, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government (pictured), at millonzi@sog.unc.edu.