



## State League Staff Workshop Final Program Set



The final program for this year's State Municipal League Staff Workshop is set. Almost 120 state league staff and guests have registered and are geared up for the workshop which will be held in San Diego, California the second week in July. [Click here](#) for updates to the program.

## NLC Enterprise Programs Director Transitions to New Responsibilities



New staff changes in NLC's Center for Enterprise Programs. Cathy Spain has transitioned from Director of Enterprise Programs to NLC consultant with her main focus on the creation of a bond insurance program for NLC and its members. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Beckwith Discusses Massachusetts Politics and Important Municipal Issues

Geoff Beckwith, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, visited NLC's offices last month and gave a talk to NLC staff. This interesting presentation offered insight on Massachusetts politics and other important municipal issues. [Click here](#) to see more.



## State League Staff Volunteers Needed for NLC's 2011 Congress of Cities in Phoenix, AZ

Each year, state municipal league staff members have an opportunity to apply for one of eight spots available to work alongside NLC staff during its annual Congress of Cities. Applications must be filled out and returned to Scott Morris no later than **Wednesday, August 17**. [Click here](#) to read more about the program and to download the application.



## State Municipal League Helping Plan Mayoral Summits on Afterschool Programming



NLC's Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, in collaboration with the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Wallace Foundation, are conducting statewide mayoral summits on afterschool and expanded learning opportunities for children and youth. [Click here](#) to see where these summits are held, and get the relevant contact information to learn more about the project.

## Upcoming State League Staff Workshop Session Focuses on Improving Public Engagement Outcomes



NLC has joined with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and its partner, National Research Center (NRC), to bring an affordable citizen survey tool for polling residents in more cities. The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS) is a proven turnkey solution that administers, analyzes, and reports meaningful survey data from residents about the community and services provided by local government. Read more about this new survey tool by [clicking here](#).

## California Communities Programs Helps Cities Fix Streets

In California, like many other states, streets and highways are deteriorating and the costs to repair them are in the billions. California Communities® has two new pooled securitization programs to assist local agencies in bonding against future payments to obtain funding for more projects. Read more about these programs by [clicking here](#).



## Promising Downtowns: MML helping to Renew Michigan's Distressed Communities

The Michigan Municipal League (MML) is working in conjunction with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority on the Downtown for Promise Program. This program is providing hope for some cities in Michigan, including Flint and Muskegon Heights, to revitalize their downtown areas. [Click here](#) to read more about the program.



## TMBF Celebrates 25 Years of Service



The Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (TMBF) is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The fund, which is an entity of the Tennessee Municipal League, provides slow cost methods of financing basic municipal needs that save cities money. [Click here](#) to find out more about this successful program.

## VML Set to Evaluate Establishment of PAC



The Virginia Municipal League (VML) Executive Committee is evaluating whether it would benefit local governments to form a political action committee (PAC) to participate in the state political process. This would be a first in Virginia – a PAC to help local government interests in the General Assembly. [Click here](#) for more information.

## PTI's 2011 Technology Leadership Conference in October

The Public Technology Institute's (PTI) 2011 Technology Leadership Conference is set for October 2 through October 4. Apart from the great networking opportunities, the conference will focus on technology management and policy. [Click here](#) for more information on the conference, including the agenda and registration information.



## States Balance Budgets with Cuts, not Taxes

This month's Stateline article discusses how states are attempting to balance their budgets. It might come as a surprise that most states are not raising taxes to do so, but instead are cutting budgets. [Click here](#) to read more.



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