



## **North Carolina Local Government Budget Association**

*"Promoting the budgeting profession through education, networking and advocacy"*

**To: NC Local Government Budget Professionals**

**From: Heather Drennan, 2013 Conference Chair  
Josh Edwards, 2013 Conference Co-Chair**

**Subject: December 11-13, 2013 North Carolina Local Government Budget Association  
Conference in Asheville, NC.**

You are cordially invited to the **North Carolina Local Government Budget Association (NCLGABA) 2013 Winter Conference at The Grove Park Inn in Asheville.** Based on our agenda, over 10 CPEs can be earned.

### **Program Overview:**

We are excited to announce that this year's Winter Conference will include an array of sessions focusing on discussions and techniques local budget practitioners can use to improve their processes, achieve the goals of their governing bodies, uphold standards of fiscal responsibility and respect for citizens, and maintain credibility with taxpayers.

We will spend time talking about why Leadership is not dependent on job title and what skills we need to develop to transform our organizations. We will learn about Wellness programs and best practices in local government. With much popularity we will be bringing back our Roundtable and Speed Networking sessions with a fresh slate of topics. Not to mention great sessions on Capital Budgeting, Strategic Planning, an Economic Update, Property and Sales Tax, Community Grants, Economic Development, and budgeting for Technology to name a few.

We are also excited to announce that Steve Straus will be speaking at the Winter Conference. He is the President of Developmental Associates and is an engaging speaker/teacher on a myriad of topics. If you want to learn more about him take a look at his bio: <https://www.developmentalassociates.com/about/steve-straus/>.

### **Social Events**

This year we will have the NCLGABA reception offsite in Downtown Asheville on Wednesday night close to all the restaurants that are frequented for dinner. Also, attached please find a separate sign-up sheet for a brewery tour that you can attend on Thursday night at 5pm for \$54 (Personal Checks Only). Check out their website for more info, <http://ashevillebrewerytours.com/>, or contact Lesley Reder, City of Concord, [rederl@concordnc.gov](mailto:rederl@concordnc.gov) with any questions about the reception or brewery tour. She has also pulled together a great list of other fun activities you might want to check out in your free time on Thursday night.

The exact agenda will be confirmed closer to the Conference via the NCLGABA ListServ or at [www.nclgba.org](http://www.nclgba.org).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions:

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## Registration Instructions – 2013 Winter Budget Conference

**When:** Wednesday, December 11 through Friday, December 13, 2013  
**Where:** The Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC  
**Registration:** A registration form is included on the next page, or may be downloaded from the Association's web site at: [www.nclgba.org](http://www.nclgba.org)

Complete the registration form online or mail a check for the appropriate amount

**by Tuesday, November 19, 2013**

Please make the check payable to:

**NC Local Government Budget Association**

and send to:

**Justin Amos**  
City of Charlotte  
Budget & Evaluation  
600 East Fourth Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
Tel: (704) 336-5022  
E-mail: [jamos@charlottenc.gov](mailto:jamos@charlottenc.gov)

**Hotel Reservations:** The conference rate for The Grove Park Inn is \$135/per night. You can call the hotel directly at 1-800-438-5800.

***Please make your reservation as soon as possible to ensure you get a room at the group rate.***

The cut-off date is **November 10, 2013**, but we have a limited number of rooms available at the group rate. The hotel address is 290 Macon Ave, Asheville, NC 28804.

**Guest Attendance:** Family members and other guests may join us at Wednesday's Networking Reception for a \$30 fee, payable through the registration form.

**NCLGBA Cancellation Policy:** The conference registration fee may be refunded if cancellations are received by close of business on Tuesday, November 19th. Substitutions for registration/attendees can be made at any time.

**Questions:** Heather Drennan, NCLGBA 2013 Conference Co-Chair at 919-996-4272, [heather.drennan@raleighnc.gov](mailto:heather.drennan@raleighnc.gov)  
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<b>REGISTRATION FORM – 2013 Winter Conference December 11-13, 2013</b>
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Title:</b>
<b>Organization:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>Name of Registered Guest(s):</b>

NCLGABA Conference Costs	Cost/Person	Qty	Total Cost
Member: Registration, Reception, Lunch, Breakfast	\$165		
Non-Member: Registration, Reception, Lunch, Breakfast	\$225		
<i>Full-Time</i> Student: Registration, Reception, Lunch, Breakfast	\$75		
Guest: Reception (Wednesday evening)	\$30		
<b>Total Conference Cost</b>			<b>\$</b>

Other NCLGABA Costs	Cost/Person	Qty	Total Cost
*Certification Test on Budget Preparation & Enactment	\$25		
*Certification Test on Capital Budgeting and Planning	\$25		
*Certification Test on Performance Measurement	\$25		
**FY 2013–14 Membership Dues (if unpaid)	\$50		
<b>Total Other Costs</b>			<b>\$</b>

<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>	<b>\$</b>
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- Will you need a vegetarian lunch?  Yes  No  
 Is this your first NCLGABA Conference?  Yes  No

To ensure transportation capacity, do you anticipate using a shuttle or your own vehicle for the off-site reception?  
 Shuttle  Your Vehicle

**Please register online or make checks payable to the NC Local Government Budget Association. Mail registration form with check by Tuesday, November 19th to: Justin Amos, City of Charlotte, Budget & Evaluation, 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. If you have any questions about registration and payment, contact Justin at (704) 336-5022.**

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\*You must successfully complete the applicable courses prior to the Certification Exams. For information on the Certification Program, see [http://nclgba.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=13](http://nclgba.org/wordpress/?page_id=13) or contact Dr. William Rivenbark at: [rivenbark@unc.edu](mailto:rivenbark@unc.edu).

\*\*Membership dues for FY14 must be paid in order to receive the "member" rate. Membership dues for FY14 were invoiced in October 2013. The member application can be found at: [http://nclgba.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=3](http://nclgba.org/wordpress/?page_id=3).