



2014 ACCG Annual Conference

April 11 - 15, 2014

Savannah International
Trade and Convention Center

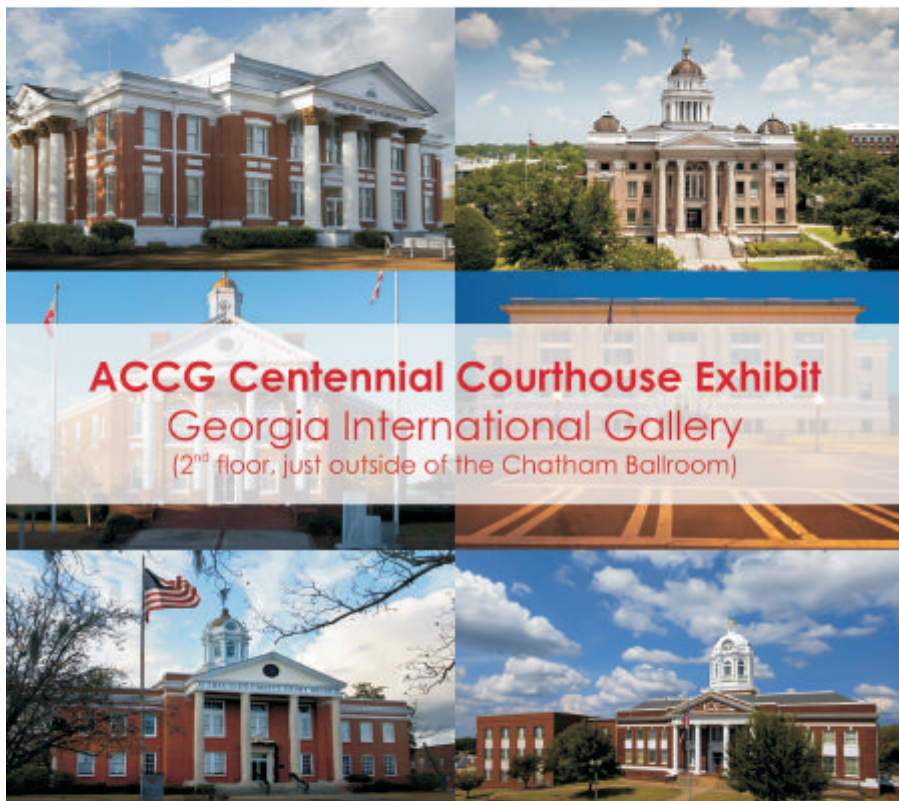
Savannah / Chatham County, Georgia

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Georgia's
County
Association



Explore beauty and diversity of Georgia's county courthouses through the eyes of internationally acclaimed photographer Greg Newington.

These photographs, as well as a courthouse from every county in the state, will be featured in the Courthouses of Georgia, a photography book scheduled for release in Fall 2014 as a partnership between ACCG, the University of Georgia Press and the Georgia Humanities Council.

ACCG offers a special thanks to the counties participating in the Centennial Courthouse Exhibit.

WHILE YOU'RE HERE...

General Information**Telephone Numbers**

Emergencies 911

First aid available on site,
including defibrillators.

Savannah International
Trade and Convention Center 912.447.4000

Registration

River Concourse
Savannah International Trade and Convention Center

Friday, April 11, 2014 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12, 2014 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 13, 2014 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14, 2014 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Convention Hotels

Double Tree Historic Savannah 912.790.7000

Embassy Suites Savannah 912.721.6900

Hampton Inn Historic District 912.231.9700

Hilton Garden Inn 912.652.9300

Holiday Inn Express 912.231.9000

Hyatt Regency Savannah 912.238.1234

Inn at Ellis Square 912.236.4440

Marriott Savannah Riverfront 912.233.7722

The Westin Savannah Harbor 912.201.2000

Name badges are required for admission to all meeting functions.

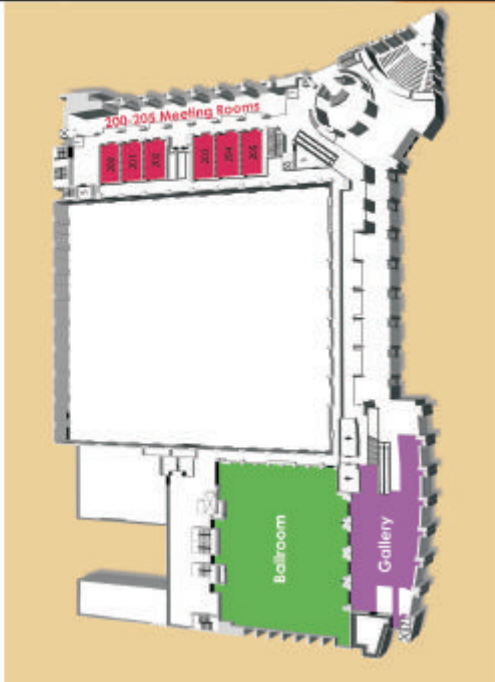
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Event Location Map



Trade Center - Upper Level



Driving Directions

- Go over the Talmadge Bridge
- Stay in Right Lane and turn right at the base of the bridge onto Hutchinson Island
- Follow Signs to Trade & Convention Center



Ground Shuttles

Please check below for the route from your hotel to the Trade Center.

Red Route	Hyatt Regency and Inn at Ellis Square to Trade Center
Blue Route	Doubletree, Hilton Garden Inn and Embassy Suites to Trade Center
Purple Route	Marriott Riverfront, Holiday Inn Express and Hampton to Trade Center

Shuttles for every route will run the following schedules:

Friday, April 11th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Expect a shuttle every 20 minutes during these times. During other hours, one shuttle circulating every 30 minutes.

Saturday, April 12th 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday, April 13th 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Monday, April 14th 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

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Ferries

The normal ferry schedule, which features one boat in a triangle between the Trade Center, the Hyatt Dock, and the Marriott Dock, is every 20 minutes beginning at 7:00 a.m. from the Hyatt Dock and at 8:20 a.m. from the Marriott Dock. The last ferry leaves the Trade Center at 11:50 p.m. at night.

Additional ferries have been added during the times below; there is an approximate 20 minute wait.

Friday, April 11th	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 12th	6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 13th	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 14th	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Prizes

GET COUNTY BUYERS MART CASH PRIZE TICKETS County Buyers Mart exhibitors will have a limited number of cash prize tickets to distribute to county officials. Spend time on the County Buyers Mart floor to get a ticket to win! Drawings are scheduled for SATURDAY, APRIL 12, at 5:45 P.M. and SUNDAY, APRIL 13, at 1:15 P.M. on the Arena floor. You must be present to win!

GRAND PRIZE Get your ticket for the Grand Prize drawing at the “Celebrating a Century” Monday evening. The drawing is right before the Spinners! You must be present to win!

AND THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIZES! You'll have chances to win cash prizes at other events - continuing education sessions, general session, the County Buyers Mart Scavenger Hunt, and the Wellness Walk. Check the full agenda for these sessions where prizes will be awarded; they're marked with a dollar sign \$ - you must be present to win!

What's New This Year?

We're across the Savannah River!

2014 finds the conference on Hutchinson Island at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center. More space means more opportunities for learning and networking. How do we get there?

- Our friends at Visit Savannah! will run the shuttle service from the conference hotels to the Trade Center. Information on these is available at every hotel and at the Trade Center.
- You can drive - there is ample, free parking at the trade center.
- And if you want to make it fun, ride the ferries that run between the Hyatt Regency Savannah or the Savannah Marriott Riverfront and the Trade Center ... **they're free!!**

But the Sunday Reception is back on the other side!

Sunday evening's “A Toast to the Times” reception will be at Rousakis Riverfront Plaza near the Hyatt Regency Savannah on River Street. The water taxi will drop you off almost in front of the plaza area and conference shuttles will run along River Street until 6:30 p.m.

ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy - a few things!

- Every class offered at the 2014 Annual Conference is re-designed or new! And you'll have three chances to get Lifelong Learning Academy credit - Friday, Saturday and Tuesday. There are also two classes in the county clerks' program - one Saturday and another Tuesday. Lunch on Friday will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. but classes start promptly at noon!
- Take the Leadership Development Survey at the kiosk near conference registration. Tell us if “We're on the Right Track!”
- Finally, remember classes on Tuesday, April 15th, will be at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, not at the Trade Center!

Managers, Attorneys and Clerks Section Meetings Move to Friday!

Come early and network with your colleagues from around the state. These luncheon meetings start at noon on April 11th and are followed by meetings and educational sessions.

And the awards and training certificate presentations move to Friday evening too!

Certificates and special awards will be followed by the Capitol Steps who put the “mock” in democracy - this talented group leaves no issue untouched with its combination of satire and parody through humor and music.

See Georgia's Beautiful Courthouses

Check out the courthouse canvases on display in the Georgia International Gallery on the second floor of the Trade Center. You still have the opportunity to get one of these for your county to honor Georgia's county association's 100th Anniversary!

County Buyers Mart - New and Improved

This year's County Buyers Mart is larger than ever and offers more opportunities for you to learn about products and services that will help your county operate more efficiently and effectively. The heavy equipment, including the LGRMS Driving Simulator, are all inside so give yourself plenty of time to check out all the exhibits.

County Buyers Mart Scavenger Hunt - Sunday Only!

You are even able to get rewarded for your time while you are in the Buyers Mart! Take part in Sunday's Scavenger Hunt by answering a few quick questions and you will receive a commemorative Counties of Georgia poster. You also will be eligible to win one of five \$50 Visa gift cards to be given away at the Installation Luncheon on Monday, April 14. You must be present to win one of the gift cards.

Fort Valley State University - Mobile Information Technology Center

Technology is traveling across the Southeast and can be brought to your counties for free. Fort Valley State University is offering computer job training, healthcare education, access to online programs and more. Stop by the 72-foot semi-trailer to get information, or come by to check your email or social media sites.

And what's new since it's the Centennial Annual Conference?

- The County Roll Call during the Opening General Session on Saturday afternoon ...
- Water Cannons during “A Toast to the Times” Sunday evening ...
- Fireworks over the Savannah River Monday night ...
- Keepsakes to commemorate your time at a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be at your county association's 100th celebration!

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

All meetings at the Trade Center unless otherwise noted

Friday, April 11

10:00 a.m.

Registration

River Concourse

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lifelong Learning Academy Lunch

River Concourse

12:00 p.m.

Section Meetings

Attorneys

Meeting Room 202

Managers / Administrators

Meeting Room 205

Clerks

Meeting Room 203

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Lifelong Learning Academy

- Human Resources (Core) - Session A
Meeting Room 100
- Human Resources (Core) - Session B
Meeting Room 101
- Crisis Management
(Advanced: Intergovernmental Relations)
Meeting Rooms 103/104
- County Retirement Programs:
What They Mean to Your Employees
and Budget (Advanced: County Operations &
Management)
Meeting Room 102
- Tax Policy
(Advanced: Revenue and Finance)
Meeting Room 105

3:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee Meeting

Gwinnett Room

3:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Session: \$

Learning How to Use ACCG's New

You are Why We're Here

Communications Campaign for Counties

Oglethorpe Auditorium

4:00 p.m.

Policy Chairs/Vice Chairs Meeting

Pulaski Room

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Georgia International Gallery

6:00 p.m.

Awards Celebration

Featuring the Capitol Steps

Chatham Ballroom

Saturday, April 12

7:00 a.m.

Registration

River Concourse

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast

River Concourse

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ACCG Lifelong Leadership Academy and County Clerks Training

- Ethics (Core) - Session A
Meeting Rooms 102/103
- Ethics (Core) - Session B
Meeting Rooms 201/202
- Regional Cooperation
(Advanced: Intergovernmental Relations)
Meeting Room 105

PROGRAM
AT A GLANCE

Saturday, April 12*continued*

- County Insurance and Risk Management
(Advanced: County Operations & Management)
Meeting Room 104
- Managing Change
(Advanced: Citizen Engagement)
Meeting Room 100
- Voice of Leadership
(Advanced: Leadership Development)
Meeting Room 106
- Understanding Local Economic Development Assets
(Advanced: Economic & Community Development)
Meeting Rooms 204/205
- County Clerks Training: Problem Solving
Meeting Room 101

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**County Buyers Mart:
Installation of Exhibits**
Exhibit Hall

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Opening General Session
County Roll Call
Keynote Speaker: Doris Kearns Goodwin
Chatham Ballroom

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**County Buyers Mart
Grand Opening and Reception**
Exhibit Hall

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

County Agents' Farm House Open
Exhibit Hall

5:45 p.m.

**County Buyers Mart
Cash Prize Winner Announcement**
Exhibit Hall

Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration
River Concourse

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Inspirational Service
Oglethorpe Auditorium

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**County Buyers Mart and
Scavenger Hunt Opens** \$
Exhibit Hall

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast
Exhibit Hall

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Session: \$
GIS and Your County
Oglethorpe Auditorium

11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

County Agents' Farm House
Exhibit Hall

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Board of Managers "Meet and Greet"
with Centennial Sponsors**
Meeting Rooms 105/106

1:15 p.m.

**County Buyers Mart
Cash Prize Winner Announcement**
Exhibit Hall

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

General Session \$
Oglethorpe Auditorium

3:30 p.m.

GOBCO
Meeting Room 104

5:00 p.m.

"A Toast to the Times" Reception
Rousakis Riverside Plaza

Monday, April 14

7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m.

Wellness Walk \$

Hyatt Regency / East Broad and River Street

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

River Concourse

9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

Meetings Rooms 105/106

9:30 a.m.

General Session \$

Oglethorpe Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

Recognizing a Century of Leadership Luncheon

Chatham Ballroom

2:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Session: \$

Transportation and Criminal Justice Reform
Oglethorpe Auditorium

2:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Session: \$

Learning How to Use ACCG's New
You are Why We're Here
Communications Campaign for Counties
Meeting Room 106

5:30 p.m.

Recognizing 100 Years

Esplanade (outside) / Chatham Ballroom

7:30 p.m.

The Spinners

Chatham Ballroom

9:00 p.m.

A Dazzling Finale: Fireworks and Dance, Music by Party Nation

Esplanade (outside)

Tuesday, April 15

Lifelong Learning Academy

Hyatt Regency Savannah

7:30 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast

Scarborough Foyer

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- County Government Law (Core)
Scarborough Ballroom 3
- Transparency in Government
(Advanced: Citizen Engagement)
Scarborough Ballroom 4
- Arts Culture & Tourism
(Advanced: Quality of Life/Social Issues)
Savannah Room
- County Clerks Training: Time Management
Vernon Room

PROGRAM
AT A GLANCE

FULL AGENDA

Friday, April 11

10:00 a.m.

Registration

River Concourse

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lifelong Learning Academy Lunch

River Concourse

12:00 p.m.

Section Meetings

Attorneys

Meeting Room 202

- ACCG Elections Handbook
Michele NeSmith, ACCG Research & Policy Director
- ACCG Model County Charter Project
Joe Scheuer, ACCG Assistant General Counsel
- Litigation: Challenges to County Insurance Premium Tax Levies
Michael O'Quinn, O'Quinn & Cronin, McDonough
- Panel Presentation: County Debt and Borrowing Methods, Property Tax Abatement Transactions and Recurring SPLOST Questions
Jim Monacell, Smith Gambrell & Russell, Atlanta; Roger Murray, Murray Barnes Finister, Atlanta; Jim Pannell, Gray, Pannell & Woodward, Savannah
- Review of Recent and Pending U.S. Supreme Court Decisions of Interest to County Attorneys
Chuck Thompson, General Counsel and Executive Director, International Municipal Lawyers Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Legislative Update
Kelly Pridgen, ACCG Assistant General Counsel
- Open Forum
Joey Homans, Dawson County Attorney
President, County Attorneys Section

Managers / Administrators

Meeting Room 205

- ACCG Communications Campaign: *You Are Why We're Here*
Tools You Can Use Jeff Rasmussen and Jenn McLean

Putting \$ On Your Bottom Line

- Facility Dude - Matt Watkins
- GovDeals - Taylor Wilkins

Building A Better Government

- Policy Development Process: A Model of Success
Blaine Williams, Athens-Clarke Co. Assistant Manager
- Priority-based Budgeting
Jim Pehrson, Cobb County Comptroller
- Strategic Planning: Defined and Discussed
Phil Boyle, CVIOG

Legislative Update

- 2014 General Assembly
Clint Mueller, Legislative Director, ACCG

Clerks*Meeting Room 203*

- Installation of New Officers (April 2014 - April 2015)
Barbara Sanders, President, DeKalb County
Janet Greathouse, Vice-President, Oconee County
- Recognition of New Clerks and First Time Attendess
President Barbara Sanders, DeKalb County
- Recognition of Retiring Clerks or Promotions
President Barbara Sanders, DeKalb County
- Recognition of Newly Certified County Clerks and Finance Officers
Stacy Jones, CVIOG Associate Director and/or Skip Teaster, CVIOG Associate Professor

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Lifelong Learning Academy

- Human Resources (Core) - Session A
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(Advanced: County Operations & Management)
Meeting Room 102
- Tax Policy (Advanced: Revenue and Finance)
Meeting Room 105

3:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee Meeting*Gwinnett Room*

3:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Session: Learning How to Use ACCG's New *You are Why We're Here* Communications Campaign for Counties

Oglethorpe Auditorium

Developing effective ways to tell your residents about your county doesn't take a big budget. Learn out how to use the tools ACCG is developing for you as part of the *You are Why We're Here* communications campaign in ways that will work in counties of any size. Jeff Rasmussen and Jenn McLean of DMC will lead you through a hands-on session and show you some of the online tools that you can start using as soon as you get back home.

4:00 p.m.

Policy Chairs/Vice Chairs Meeting

Pulaski Room

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Georgia International Gallery

As registration continues, this is an opportunity for attendees to familiarize themselves with the Trade Center; join fellow commissioners for hospitality and fellowship overlooking the Savannah River. This is also a chance to learn about ACCG's insurance and retirement programs. Meet former ACCG Presidents and learn about the issues that were significant during their tenure!

6:00 p.m.

Awards Celebration Featuring the Capitol Steps

Chatbam Ballroom

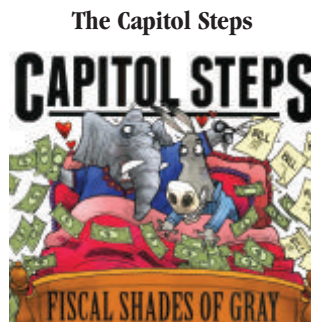


Welcome

Sharon Collins, Host, "Georgia Outdoors," Georgia Public Broadcasting, Emmy-Award winner, and former CNN environment anchor and reporter

Awards Presentations

- Lifelong Learning Academy Certificates
- ACCG Insurance Program Awards
- Partnership and Advocacy Awards
- County Clerk of the Year
- Jerry Griffin Leadership Award



Saturday, April 12

7:00 a.m.

Registration

River Concourse

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast

River Concourse

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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- County Clerks Training: Problem Solving
Meeting Room 101

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

County Buyers Mart: Installation of Exhibits

Exhibit Hall

FULL AGENDA

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Opening General Session

Chatham Ballroom



ACCG President Mike Berg, Dawson County

ACCG's Centennial Annual Conference begins with the pomp and circumstance that befits such an anniversary! Roger Moss, Co-Founder and Artistic Director of the Savannah Children's Choir, the Chatham Youth Commission, and the Southeast Georgia Honor Guard set the stage with tributes to our state and country. Chatham County Chairman Al Scott and Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson welcome ACCG to their community. ACCG's past leadership is recognized and county representatives step up to take their place to symbolize the statewide team.

Keynote Address



Doris Kearns Goodwin

"Team of Rivals: The Leadership Lessons from Abraham Lincoln"

In concert with the association's yearlong celebration of its history, ACCG welcomes presidential historian and critically acclaimed Pulitzer-prize winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin to deliver the keynote address. Goodwin is the author of several award-winning and best-selling literary works that include *Lyndon B. Johnson and The American Dream*, *The Fitzgeralds and The Kennedys*, and *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The American Homefront During World War II* for which she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history. Her most recent book, *The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and the Golden Age of Journalism*, was published in November 2013. *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, garnered Goodwin numerous awards including the 2006 Lincoln Prize for an outstanding work about the president and/or Civil War, the New York Historical Society Book Prize, the Richard Nelson Current award, and the New York State Archives History Makers Award. *Team of Rivals* was adapted into the Oscar- and Golden Globe-nominated film "Lincoln" produced by Stephen Spielberg.

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

County Buyers Mart Grand Opening and Reception

Exhibit Hall

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

County Agents' Farm House Open

Exhibit Hall

5:45 p.m.

County Buyers Mart Cash Prize Winner Announcement

Exhibit Hall

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8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration

River Concourse

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Inspirational Service

Oglethorpe Auditorium

Message by Reverend Frederick Favors, McDuffie County Commissioner; music by Elaine Clarke, Wheeler County Clerk, and Dave Wills, ACCG

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Exhibit Hall

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

County Buyers Mart Open

Exhibit Hall

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Session: GIS and Your County

Oglethorpe Auditorium

The advent of numerous technologies in recent years has enabled governments to operate more efficiently and effectively. Geographic information systems (GIS) is one technology that has served many counties very well. Counties have experienced the power of geographic data solutions in their decision-making processes and the ease of communicating with residents via online platforms. Attend this continuing education session to learn how ACCG has been using GIS to make business decisions and discuss with Esri representatives expanded options for your county.

11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

County Agents' Farm House

Exhibit Hall

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Board of Managers "Meet and Greet" with Centennial Sponsors

Meeting Rooms 105/106

1:15 p.m.

County Buyers Mart Cash Prize Winner Announcement

Exhibit Hall

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1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

General Session

Oglethorpe Auditorium

Update from NACo



NACo President Linda Langston, Linn County, Iowa

NACo President Linda Langston's remarks will focus on the importance of "Why Counties Matter" in the nation's capital, as well as state capitals around the country. She will also highlight her initiative, "Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive.", and new, innovative programs that have been developed at NACo.



NACo Executive Director Matt Chase

NACo Executive Director Matt Chase will provide a legislative update highlighting the successes on the Farm Bill, PILOT and flood insurance and the possible outcomes on surface transportation reauthorization, muni bonds and the Marketplace Fairness Act.

Business Session

- Consideration of Resolutions
- President's Report to the Membership
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Election of Officers

2014 Legislative Overview

Find out if counties will be dealing with the results of this year's General Assembly session for the next 100 years! The ACCG policy team presents highlights from the 2014 legislative session.

3:30 p.m.

GOBCO

Meeting Room 104

5:00 p.m.

"A Toast to the Times"

Rousakis Riverside Plaza

Join your county colleagues along the Savannah River at Rousakis Riverside Plaza near the Hyatt Regency Savannah on River Street for this conference reception where we toast the decades of ACCG history.

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Monday, April 14

7:30 a.m. Hyatt Regency River Street and 7:45 a.m. River and East Broad Streets

Wellness Walk

Walk Savannah's historic streets in this year's Wellness Walk along the sidewalks of River and Bay Streets. Register and start at 7:30 on River Street at the Hyatt Hotel or 7:45 at River and East Broad near the Marriott. Earn an hour of continuing education credit.

Free t-shirts and refreshments. Be prepared: cobblestones and stairs, wear comfortable shoes.

Prizes for most steps: 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$300, 3rd Place \$250,
4th Place iPad Mini, 5th Place FitBit.

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8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

River Concourse

9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

Meetings Rooms 105/106

9:30 a.m.

General Session

Oglethorpe Auditorium

- Georgia Agriculture: Our Heritage, Our Future
Gary Black, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Agriculture
- A Unique Perspective on Georgia
Paul Bowers, Georgia Power President

ACCG's New County Communications Campaign: *You are Why We're Here*

You've been asking ACCG to help you help your residents better understand your county. Don't miss the unveiling of ACCG's new statewide public awareness campaign designed to do just that! See the tools being created to engage your residents and make them more aware of county-provided services. Don't miss the preview of a new, interactive website designed to help people learn more about Georgia counties and what you and your staff do every day!

Jeff Rasmussen and Jenn McLean, DMC

Political Partisanship and How We Govern

Much of the conflict between federal, state and local leaders often stems from differences in political ideology. How that conflict is handled can impact civility, public trust in government and the overall ability to get things done.

The session is moderated by Dr. Rob Williams, Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility, Georgia State University. Panelists are Jay Bookman, Atlanta Journal Constitution; Sharon Collins, Georgia Public Broadcasting; Carvy Snell, The Metter Advertiser; Jeff Dickerson, Dickerson Communications and panelist on FoxAtlanta's The Georgia Gang

12:00 p.m.



Recognizing a Century of Leadership

Chatham Ballroom

Join your fellow commissioners for lunch and the installation of the 2014-2015 Officers and Board of Managers. Governor Nathan Deal offers the Centennial Anniversary address and formally installs ACCG officers and board members. ACCG will present its highest member recognition, the Emory Greene Award.

2:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Session: Policy Issues

Oglethorpe Auditorium

The ACCG Policy Team leads a discussion of two policy issues that counties need to pay particular attention to over the next few months.

- **Transportation: The Road Ahead**

During the session you will hear the Georgia Department of Transportation present on the update to their Statewide Transportation Plan/Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan (SWTP/SSTP) which will include results from a recent survey of local governments around the state. **Toby Carr** of GDOT reports on this two-year project that will provide a comprehensive look at all transportation issues facing Georgia now and through the year 2040, including growth trends and projections, economics, existing conditions, future needs, and an investment strategy for transportation in the state. Following that report, the upcoming joint study committee on critical transportation funding solutions is discussed. **State Senator Steve Gooch**, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, **State Rep. Jay Roberts**, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee and **Michael Sullivan** of the Georgia Transportation Alliance discuss the upcoming joint committee on critical transportation funding solutions. The panel examines the core principles that will guide the study committee along with insight into the options on the table and how you can be involved.

- **Criminal Justice Reform**

Criminal justice reform has been ongoing in Georgia for the last three years. **Jay Neal**, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry, will highlight initiatives and strategies for offender support and successful reentry. Discussing efforts to implement the criminal justice reform measures are **Travis Sakrison**, Executive Director of the Georgia Public Defender Standards and Council, and **Chuck Spahos**, Executive Director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Council.

2:00 p.m.

Continuing Education Session: Learning How to Use ACCG's New *You are Why We're Here* Communications Campaign for Counties

Meeting Room 106

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5:30 p.m.

Recognizing 100 Years

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Reception with Hosts from Yancey Bros. Co.

Esplanade

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

Chatham Ballroom

The Spinners

Chatham Ballroom

9:00 p.m.

A Dazzling Finale: Fireworks and Dance, Music by Party Nation

Esplanade



Tuesday, April 15

Lifelong Learning Academy

Hyatt Regency Savannah

7:30 am

Registration and Breakfast

Scarborough Foyer

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- **County Government Law (Core)**
Scarborough Ballroom 3
- **Transparency in Government (Advanced: Citizen Engagement)**
Scarborough Ballroom 4
- **Arts, Culture & Tourism (Advanced: Quality of Life/Social Issues)**
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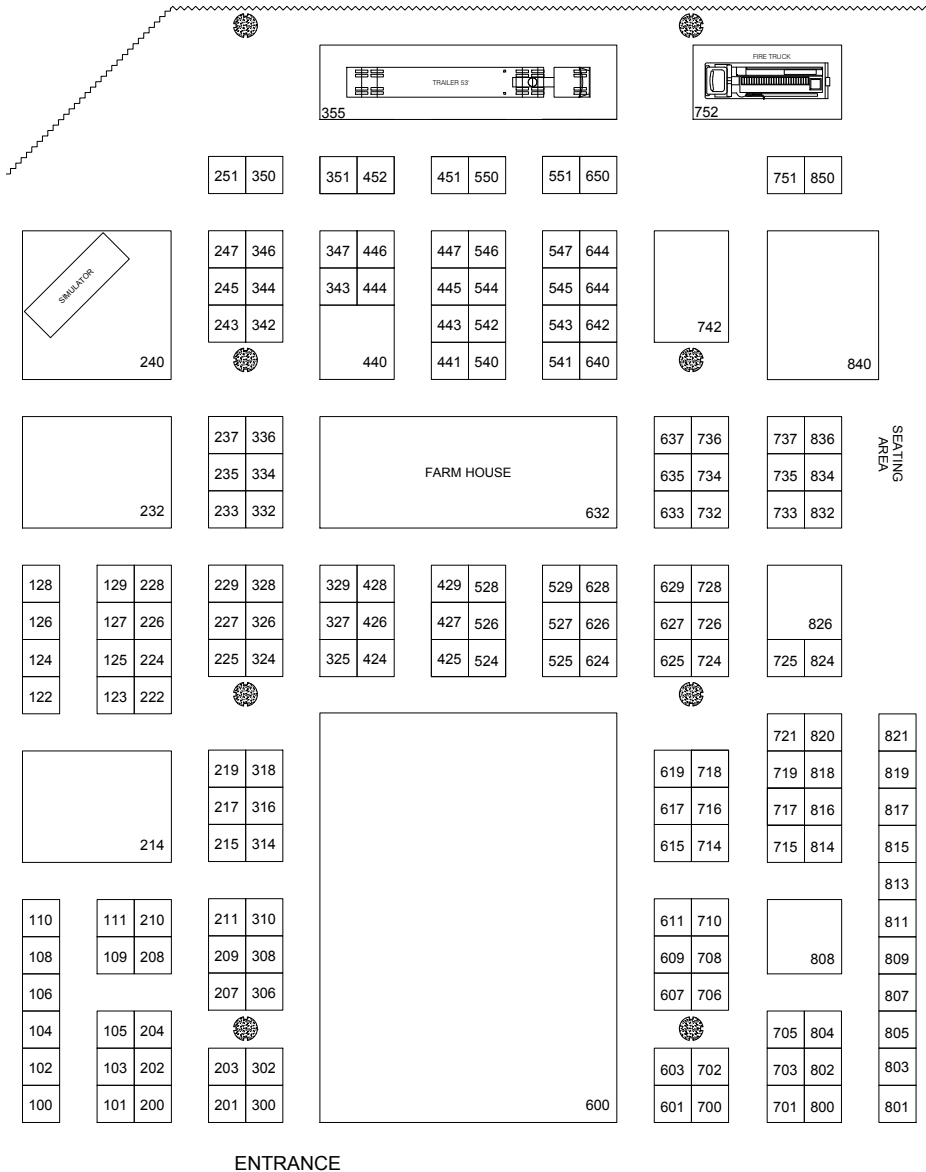
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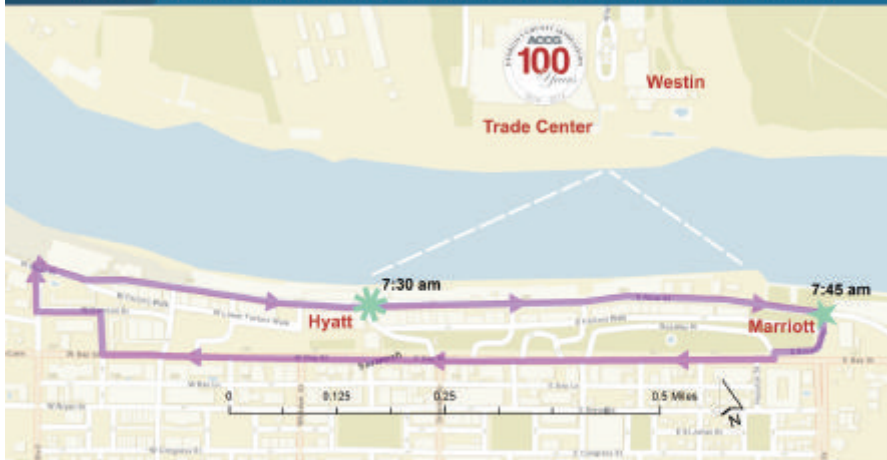
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