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How to Build Partnerships and Leverage Opportunities”



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Hofstra University Club**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<p>Breakfast and Plenary Session <i>Main Dining Room</i></p> <p>Welcoming Remarks: Stuart Rabinowitz President, Hofstra University</p> <p>Opening Keynote: Thomas P. DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller</p>
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – Noon	Two Break Out Sessions (choose one)

Municipal Shared Services: How Do I know if Entering into a Shared Service Agreement Will be Cost Effective?

Main Dining Room

In this session, panelists will discuss the reasons why they entered into inter-municipal agreements with other governmental entities. Panelists will discuss the process, the problems and the actual savings achieved.

Panelists:

1. The Honorable Thomas Suozzi, Nassau County Executive, Chairman of the New York State Commission on Property Tax Relief – Lead Panelist
2. Dorothy Johnson, Senior Managing Consultant, The PFM Group (Public Financial Management)
3. John Cameron, Founder and Managing Partner, Cameron Engineering, Chairman of the Long Island Regional Planning Commission
4. Ronald Friedman, Superintendent, Great Neck Public Schools and President, Nassau Council of School Superintendents
5. Gary Bixhorn, Chief Operating Officer, Eastern Suffolk BOCES

Panel Moderator:

The Honorable Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, New York State Secretary of State

Comprehensive and Capital Planning for Local Governments and School Districts: Strategically Planning for the Future

The Community Gallery

Local officials are responsible for providing and maintaining capital assets and infrastructure within their jurisdiction. In order to fulfill this responsibility, local officials need to develop a long-term capital plan to manage their capital assets adequately and efficiently. The plan should be linked to periodic needs assessment (what do we need) and the budgetary process (what can we afford). This session will focus on the steps to strategically develop and maintain a capital plan in accordance with the municipality's comprehensive plan. In addition, strategies and leadership skills will be discussed for maintaining your comprehensive and capital plans as functional documents.

Panelists:

1. Schools:
 - a. William Johnson, Superintendent, Rockville Centre School District and former President, New York State Council of School Superintendents
 - b. Dr. Evelyn Blose Holman, Superintendent, Bay Shore School District
2. Villages:
 - a. The Honorable George Starkie, Mayor, Village of Farmingdale
3. Towns:
 - a. The Honorable Steve Bellone, Supervisor, Town of Babylon
4. Richard Guardino, executive dean of the Breslin Center for Real Estate Studies

Panel Moderator:

Mark Pattison, Executive Deputy Comptroller, Office of the New York State Comptroller

12:00 - 12:15 p.m.

Break

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote

Keynote Speaker

Main Dining Room

The Honorable Anthony Williams, Former Mayor of the District of Columbia, Director of State and Local Practice at Arent Fox LLP, Washington, D.C.

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Panel: Plenary Session

Thinking Regionally, Acting Locally: How to Develop and Leverage Public and Private Partnerships to Accomplish Economic Goals

Main Dining Room

Municipalities need to work with the private sector to promote economic development during these difficult fiscal times and link economic development to a comprehensive plan.

Discussion will focus on the essential components in building successful public and private partnerships. The discussion will also examine the importance of interpersonal networking and methods of addressing regional problems through economic development. The panelists will include individuals who can present case studies on examples of successful partnerships.

Panelists:

These panelists will focus on how Long Island was able to retain Canon, U.S.A. Inc.'s global headquarters.

1. Canon Headquarters – Case Study
 - a. The Honorable Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive - Lead Panelist
 - b. Howard M. Stein, Esq., Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman

The following panelists will focus on the development of multi-family and affordable housing both on Long Island and in other regions.

2. Multifamily Housing
 - a. Joseph Torg, Managing Director, Trammel Crow Residential
 - b. Matthew Whalen, Vice President, Development, AvalonBay Communities
 - c. Edward A. Ambrosino, Hempstead Town Councilman
 - d. The Honorable Jonathan Kaiman, Supervisor, Town of North Hempstead

Panel Moderator:

Michael E. White, Esq., Executive Director, Long Island Regional Planning Council

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Closing Plenary Session and Reception

Report of Major Themes of the Day and Reception

Main Dining Room

An Institute reporter will present a brief summation of the conference presentations and panels at the closing plenary session which will be followed by a networking reception.

Institute Reporter:

Mary Ann Allison, Assistant Professor, Journalism, Media Studies, Public Relations, Hofstra University