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State & Federal Highlights



APA Florida Has New Digs!

APA Florida has moved the Chapter Office to a new location – not far, just a block away from the old office. The new space will not only save the Chapter money but also gives staff more space. While the old office basically provided two offices and part of a small storage room, the new space has a reception room with four offices off of it. This gives the Chapter conference room space, room for an intern to help with some website work and a dedicated file room. More space for less money – we are excited for the change! Please note the new address and fax number for your records:

APA Florida
2017 Delta Boulevard, Suite 201
Tallahassee, FL 32303
850-201-3272 (phone)
850-807-2576 (fax)

And stop by for a visit if you are in town!

Cities and Ageing

By 2050 there will be more older people in the world than children under 14 years of age. In addition, 70 percent of the world population will be living in urban areas. This new report, titled *Cities and Ageing*, from the Global Cities Institute at the University of Toronto examines the implications of these two converging global demographic trends and the policy and planning challenges associated with "age friendly" cities. Click [here](#) to download the report.

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Register Now for the APA Florida Public Policy and Legislative Workshops February 4-5, 2014

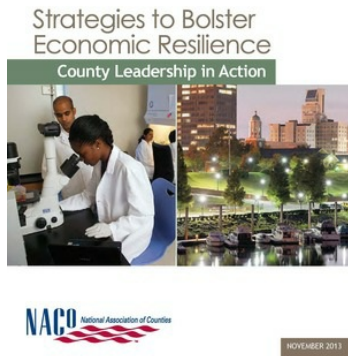
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Other Items of Interest

Strategies to Bolster Economic Resilience

The National Association of Counties has published this new report that suggests counties, regions, and communities that can foresee, adapt to, and leverage changing economic conditions are best positioned to attract and grow new businesses, retain skilled workers, and promote a high quality of life. The report features eight case studies demonstrating how county leaders are pursuing innovative strategies to create healthy, safe, vibrant, and economically resilient communities. Click [here](#) to download the report.



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Census Bureau Introduces New Interactive Mapping Tool

The U.S. Census Bureau just released Census Explorer, a new interactive mapping tool that gives users easier access to neighborhood level statistics. The mapping tool uses updated statistics from the 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS), which were also released at the same time. The new application allows users to map out different social, economic and housing characteristics of their state, county or census tract, and to see how these areas have changed since the 1990 and 2000 censuses. The tool allows users to look at the following eight statistics from the American Community Survey: Total population; Percent 65 and older; Foreign-born population percentage; Percent of the population with a high school degree or higher; Percent with a bachelor's degree or higher; Labor force participation rate; Home ownership rate; and Median household income. In addition to these characteristics, more than 40 social, economic and housing topics are now available through the American Community Survey statistics for all communities in the nation, regardless of size, down to the block group level. For example, health insurance coverage statistics are now available for the first time at the neighborhood level. Click [here](#) to access this tool.

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JobMart

Latest Job Postings

- PLANNER (City of Parkland)
- ASSISTANT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR (Sumter County)
- DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

APA Florida/APA/AICP News & Info

AICP Exam Scholarships Available

APA Florida is offering up to four (4) scholarships for reduced AICP exam fees for the May and November 2014 testing windows. The scholarships are based on financial hardship, as well as additional criteria listed below.

Scholarship recipients pay reduced fees to AICP as follows:

- First time AICP applicants: \$135 (combined \$70 application

- DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (City of Hallandale Beach)
- DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER (City of Casselberry)
- SENIOR PLANNER - CURRENT DEVELOPMENT (Indian River County)
- PLANNER (City of Port Orange)
- ASSOCIATE PLANNER (City of Margate)

We encourage you to visit APA Florida's JobMart website at

www.floridaplanning.org/jobs2.asp for salaries, descriptions, minimum requirements and application deadlines.

Also, don't forget about APA Florida's resume posting feature [here](#).

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First time first applicant: \$100 (combined \$75 application and \$65 exam fee)

- Previously approved AICP applicants: \$65 (exam fee only)

Selection Criteria:

Applicants must submit a written explanation of financial hardship (including financial hardship caused by a budget cutback in a firm or agency), which necessitates the request.

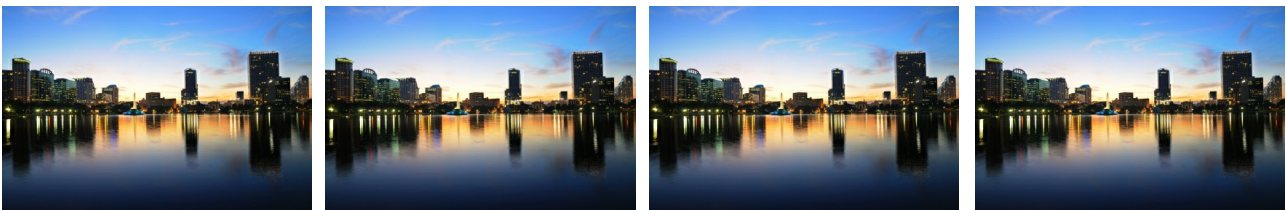
- Members of ethnic or racial minorities shall be given preference.
- The applicant(s) selected will be otherwise unlikely to take the exam without the reduced fee.
- The applicant's employer will not subsidize the exam fee.

It is important that the applicant be very clear in their explanation of need. The scholarship recipient's selection rests with the APA Florida PDO and is final. The deadline for candidates to submit their statement of need is January 7, 2014. To apply for the scholarship, please contact Debra Hempel, APA Florida VP of Professional Development – debra.hempel@hdrinc.com.

Call For Webcasts!

APA Florida is a member of the Planning Webcast Series Consortium, a collaboration among more than 40 APA Chapters and Divisions that provides cost-free webcasts to a national audience. The Series is currently soliciting topics for the 2014 calendar year. If you or your organization have a topic that can reach a national audience (i.e. Workforce housing; Planning for an Aging Population; Mobility for the Vision Impaired; Stormwater Management, etc.), please contact Debra Hempel at debra.hempel@hdrinc.com or Henry Bittaker at hbittaker@aol.com. Webcasts are run on Fridays from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST.

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RFPs/RFQs, Grants, ETC.

RFQs/RFPs are listed in this newsletter and posted to APA Florida's website at no charge.

APA Florida does this as a service to its members. Please take advantage of it. Email a one paragraph summary to the Chapter Office at fapa@floridaplanning.org for posting. Include deadline and web link.

RFPs:

Downtown Waterfront Master Plan: The City of St. Petersburg, Florida ("City") is requesting a Statement of Qualifications from qualified firms or individuals interested in developing a downtown waterfront master plan. This is a planning activity. Professional services of an architect or landscape architect may be used for this planning activity but are not required. Urban planners are not prohibited from responding to this Request for Qualifications.

A written Statement of Qualifications will be accepted by the City at the Planning & Economic Development Department, 8th Floor, Municipal Services Center, One Fourth Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701, until 4:00 PM on January 17, 2014.

Detailed information and data to be submitted with a Statement of Qualifications are available at: http://www.stpete.org/downtown_waterfront_master_plan/docs/Request_for_Qualifications_RFQ_.pdf

Professional Land Planning Services (RFQ #14-01): The Town of Oakland requests qualified firms or individuals to submit proposals for the performance of Professional Land Planning Services. Details on the submittal process, services to be rendered and other important information can be found at www.oaktownusa.com under the Government Tab, Bids and RFP's. The deadline for submittal is 5:00 PM EST, January 17, 2014.

GRANTS:

VISIT FLORIDA Grants: VISIT FLORIDA administers several grant programs to assist partners with marketing their business and publicizing the tourism advantages to the State of Florida. The 2014-15 VISIT FLORIDA grant application period opens in January. Click [here](#) for details.

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Calendar

January 15, 2014: The APA Florida San Felasco Section will host a webinar, [Administering Zoning Codes](#), in Gainesville. 1.5 AICP CM credits approved.

January 16, 2014: The APA Florida Promised Lands Section will co-host a workshop on [Trauma's Regional Connection](#) in Fort Myers. AICP CM credits pending.

January 24, 2014: The Planning Webcast Consortium will host a webinar on [How the Department of Justice's ADA Rules on Mobility Devices Apply to Land Open to the Public](#). 1.5 AICP CM credits pending.

February 4-5, 2014: APA Florida will host its [Public Policy Workshop, and a new Legislative Mini-Workshop](#), in Tallahassee. AICP CM credits, including Law, pending.

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News Clips

[What Ideas Have You Copied or Borrowed From Other Cities?](#)
Staff, The Atlantic Cities, December 27, 2013

[Atlanta Makes a \(Modest\) Push for Transit Regionalism](#)
Eric Jaffe, The Atlantic Cities, December 26, 2013

[Forget Golf Courses: Subdivisions Draw Residents With Farms](#)
Luke Runyon, NPR - The Salt, December 17, 2013

[Six Interesting Maps of 2013 \(and One Graphic\)](#)
Caitlin Dempsey, GIS Lounge, December 3, 2013

[The Most Walkable Cities and How Some Are Making Strides](#)
Mike Maciag, Governing, December 13, 2013

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