

GFOAz 2025 May Training (5 CPEs)

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. | Registration Opens

9:00 - 9:50 AM | JLBC – State Budget Update/State Planning | *1 CPE*

This session will be about the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), state budget planning, and resources available to local governments.

Speaker:
Benjamin Beutler, *Assistant Director, Joint Legislative Budget Committee*

10:00 - 10:50 AM | HB 2119: Business License Application and TPT Code Change Updates | *1 CPE*

HB 2119 was recently signed by the Governor and will be effective later this Fall. The law creates new requirements for all cities and towns that issue a general Business License, as well as adding an extra step to the process whenever a municipality changes the Options they've selected from the Model City Tax Code. We'll discuss the information cities and towns need to add to their Business License application to comply with the new law, including the language and hyperlinks recommended by the City Tax Administrators Council. We'll also discuss the new responsibilities cities and towns will have regarding taxpayer notification when considering changes to their Local Option and Model Option selections.

Speaker:
Lee Grafstrom, *Tax Policy Analyst, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*

11:00 - 11:50 AM | Finance Related Disaster Preparedness | *1 CPE*

Financial disaster preparedness ensures continuity during disruptions like technology failures, gas leaks, natural disasters, economic crises, or cyberattacks. This session will explore strategies for developing a finance continuity plan, including identifying essential functions and sharing examples of plan elements.

Speakers:
Jacob Johnson, *Emergency Manager, Scottsdale*
Lauren Buseman, *Emergency Management Coordinator, Scottsdale*
Erika Coombs, *Finance Manager, Scottsdale*



12:00 - 12:50 PM | Lunch

1:00 - 1:50 PM | ADOR | *1 CPE*

Introduction and information provided by the Director of the Arizona Department of Revenue Rob Woods and several key personnel to give an overview of what ADOR does for Cities, Towns and Counties. A deep dive into different types of Sales, Transaction and Income tax collections by ADOR. Reporting and information associated with these taxes as well as information on upcoming changes in the legislation and budget that will have an impact on Cities, Towns and Counties.

Speakers:
Rob Woods, *Director, Arizona Department of Revenue*
Travis Gallegos, *Deputy Assistant Director of Processing, Arizona Department of Revenue*
Karen Jacobs, *Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Economic Research and Analysis, ADOR*
Christie Comanita, *Deputy Assistant Director for Taxpayer Executive & Legislative Issues, ADOR*

2:00 - 2:50 PM | Alternate Revenue Sources: Have You Revisited Property Taxes Recently? | *1 CPE*

This session will cover the concept of getting voter approval for bonding through a secondary property tax. You might not even have a property tax in your municipality but that doesn't mean you shouldn't think about GO bonds. We will discuss what you need to consider and how to communicate in the best way possible to get the initiative approved by your Council and voters.

Speaker:
Timothy A. Stratton, *Managing Partner, The Stratton Law Firm, PLLC*

3:00 PM | Concludes