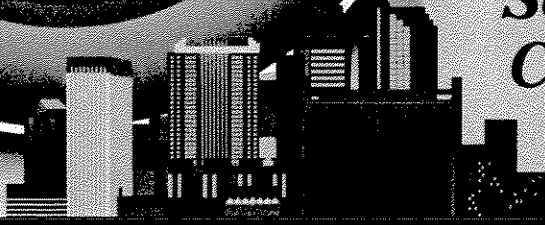


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for Tomorrow



*See what the NEW
Congress of Cities
has to OFFER!*

**82nd Annual National League of Cities
Congress of Cities and Exposition**

December 6-10, 2005

Charlotte, North Carolina

Charlotte, North Carolina, is the place to be in December 2005.

Municipal officials from across the country will convene in Charlotte from December 6 through 10 for the 2005 National League of Cities Congress of Cities and Exposition to hear from the experts, share ideas with other city officials dealing with similar challenges, and take home practical ideas to solve problems in your city or town.

Whether your biggest challenge is increasing affordable housing, dealing with the media, involving citizens in productive ways, or improving your basic skills as a local leader, the 2005 Congress of Cities will offer new ideas and practical solutions.



*For more information, visit the NLC website
at www.nlc.org or call (202) 626-3105.*

National League of Cities

DECEMBER 6
Training Institute Seminars
:00 p.m.

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Committee Meetings
:00 p.m.

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:00 p.m.

Training Institute Seminars
:00 p.m.

Session for First-Time Attendees
:45 p.m.

ception with Exhibitors
:00 p.m.

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neral Session
:1:00 a.m.

Lunch in Exhibit Hall
:1:00 p.m.

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Workshops
:30 p.m.
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Committee Meeting

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10 Reasons to Attend the 2005 Congress of Cities

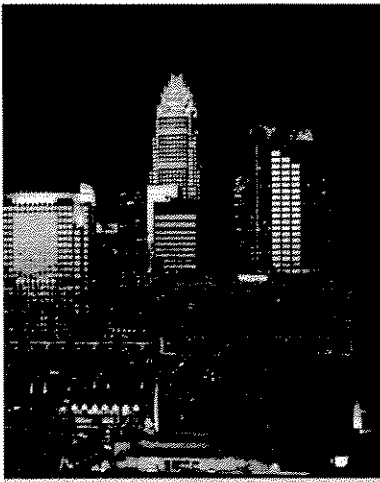
AMERICA'S CITIES AND TOWNS TEAMING UP FOR TOMORROW

1. Discover new approaches to leadership, governance, and problem solving by attending general sessions, conference workshops, and networking sessions.
2. Learn creative approaches to working in the current economy.
3. Hear from high profile national speakers who will offer their perspectives on issues and challenges facing the leaders of the nation's cities and towns.
4. Gain access to a broad network of information and resources – experts, vendors, city leaders, youth delegates, NLC staff, colleagues, and friends – all gathered in one place for five days.
5. Visit and learn about successful programs in Charlotte that might work in your community.
6. Observe and participate in setting National Municipal Policy for the nation's cities and towns.
7. Hone your leadership skills by attending special Leadership Training Institute seminars that will increase the value of your trip to Charlotte.
8. Share experiences and network with local leaders from throughout the country.
9. See old friends and make new ones.
10. Help your city/town prepare for a better future by talking about emerging issues and hearing about local solutions.



Visit the NLC website
at www.nlc.org
for more detailed
and up-to-date
information about
the conference
schedule, general
session speakers,
conference workshops,
and other conference
activities.





WHY ATTEND THE CONGRESS OF CITIES? WHAT'S THE VALUE?

The **2005 Congress of Cities** provides resources, ideas, examples, peer connections, expert input, practical wisdom, and much more. You can attend workshops to hear examples of successful programs, visit the exposition with more than 350 booths featuring vendors who work with local governments every day, join other city officials for practical problem-solving sessions, and attend intensive leadership training seminars to hone your skills as an elected local policy maker.

Here's what local elected officials who have attended past Congress of Cities say about why you should attend this conference:

Attending the NLC Congress of Cities is an investment, not a waste of time, providing excellent leadership training for elected officials and networking opportunities to share information and service ideas."

Michael Boehm, Mayor, Lenexa, Kansas

The conference provides countless opportunities to learn and get ideas on how to save city resources and improve community services."

John Klund, Council Member, Novato, California

Idea's shared at the Congress of Cities have helped our city countless dollars and have steered our community into new relationships between our elected officials and citizens."

Richard Schmitt, Council Member, Sparks, Nevada

The Congress of Cities was the best orientation I had as a new council member."

John Quan, Council Member, Oakland, California

The NLC Congress of Cities helps elected officials develop their vision for their city through workshops, networking, and leadership development."

James Mitchell, Council Member, Charlotte, North Carolina

I attended for the opportunity to talk about similar problems and to find solutions to those problems that I had not occur in a letter, e-mail, newspaper etc."

James Taylor, Council Member, Littleton, Colorado



"When I was a newly-elected mayor, the National League of Cities in general and the Congress of Cities in particular were invaluable resources to me for practical advice, best practices, and support from elected officials with many more years of experience than I had. Nearly 7 years later, the Congress of Cities is still the best place to find solutions to local challenges."

Tommy A. Williams, Mayor, Washington, DC; President

The 2005 Congress of Cities and Exposition will offer several unique learning opportunities for city officials over a five-day period such as:

- General Sessions featuring nationally recognized speakers
- Workshop Sessions featuring subject matter experts and experienced city officials
- Host City Mobile Workshops
- Leadership Training Institute Seminars
- Constituency Group Events
- State League Events
- Networking Activities
- Problem Solving Clinics
- An Exposition of over 350 booths

Connecting with Charlotte

Delegates attending the 2005 NLC Congress of Cities in Charlotte, December 6 through 10, will be treated to southern hospitality at its best.

Known as the Queen City, Charlotte has undergone tremendous growth during the past 10 years. It is now the second largest banking city in the world and is a showcase for successful private-public partnerships.

The Charlotte host committee is lining up the city's premier attractions for NLC delegates in December. Visit the NLC website at www.nlc.org for regular updates on host city plans.

Host City Mobile Workshops

Learn about the exciting programs underway in Charlotte and how you can replicate them back home to help your city run more efficiently and save money. Host city mobile workshop sessions will take place Wednesday, December 7 through Friday, December 9, and will include:

- Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy – Making Neighborhoods Better
- Integrating Greenways into the Community
- Innovative Solutions to Smart Growth in Small Towns
- Transit Oriented Development in Charlotte's South End
- Leaving the Lights on in Your Downtown
- Behind the Checkered Flag – The Economics of NASCAR
- Community Policing – The Impact of Neighborhood Action Teams