



## Commissioners Training Program 2012 August Mobile Classroom

# E<sup>2</sup> = Environment and Economy: A Formula for Success

August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

-In partnership with the Vinson Institute of Government

### Tentative Itinerary

Join our traveling band on the 2012 August Mobile Classroom to West Georgia where we'll examine the successful community outcomes that happen when environment and economy combine! Check out the itinerary and make your plans to register – participants will receive six hours elective credit in the Commissioners Training Program, CCAP or Standard of Excellence.

### Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 a.m. Check in (most likely in the LaGrange area...)**

Bring your stuff, park your car and get breakfast before we go! We'll get you checked in and on the bus – so be ready to hit the road!

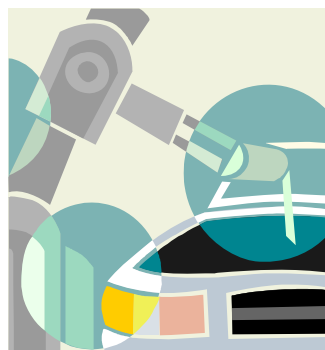
### Segment 1 BIG Economy and Environment:

#### The Kia Manufacturing Facility

**8:30 a.m. Depart for Kia, West Point/Troup County**

Not every state or community can land an economic development engine as large as an automobile assembly plant but occasionally some do! Hear how state and local leaders helped bring Kia's first North American manufacturing facility to West Georgia and about the impact it is having on the economic health of the area. We'll also see how these environmentally-friendly and consumer-friendly vehicles are assembled.

*Who Knew? Kia produced Korea's first bicycle ... in 1951!*



### Segment 2 A River Renaissance

**11:00 a.m. Arrive Columbus-Muscogee County**

Our traveling band heads to Columbus-Muscogee County to learn how this community beside the Chattahoochee River is

creating a visionary recreational opportunity and redeveloping the downtown area at the same time. We'll start at the Columbus Water Works to hear about their intake and water return. At the mid-point of the Chattahoochee's trip through the state, Columbus is in a position to assess the water that flows into it as well as the product returned to it for the trip further south. Then we'll head downtown for lunch and a look at the revitalization taking place along the Chattahoochee, including the creation of the longest

urban whitewater course in the world – it will have a huge economic impact and restore the natural habitat of many river species. Before dinner, we plan to visit NCR’s ATM manufacturing facility.  
*Who Knew? Columbus was the state’s last frontier outpost. It was the site of the annual football exercises between the Georgia Bulldogs and Auburn Tigers from 1916 to 1958.*

**6:00 p.m. Dinner and Overnight in Columbus**

### **Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 a.m. A Look at Local Government Consolidation**

Good Morning Voyagers! Day 2 of the 2012 August Mobile Classroom starts with a visit to the Columbus Government Center for breakfast and a discussion with Mayor Teresa Tomlinson on her community’s consolidated government, the first in Georgia. This area is home to four of the seven consolidated governments in the state. We’ll hear from the Mayor and others about the effect consolidation has had on this area and about the successes and challenges this form of government offers.



### **Segment 4 Partners for Peace: Ft. Benning and the West Georgia Region**

**9:00 a.m. Arrive Ft. Benning, Georgia**

Our final segment takes us to Ft. Benning, Georgia – home of the United States Army’s Armor and Infantry. Ft. Benning has made significant contributions to the economy and environment of west Georgia since its establishment in 1918 and has been a distinguished collaborator with area officials and residents. Today, Ft. Benning continues that tradition and we’ll hear about the facility’s economic impact on the area, the effect of additional troop postings to it as a result of BRAC, and about environmental management efforts take place on the installation. We plan to make a final stop at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center before heading out.

*Who Knew? Thirteen movies, documentaries and television shows have been filmed at Ft. Benning.*

**3:00 p.m. Arrive Back – Have a Safe Trip Home!**



Questions or additional information?  
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**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is \$200.00; please check one:**

- Fees paid by check (enclosed)  
 Fees paid by Visa/MasterCard/American Express

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees Paid \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature (required for credit card)** \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee covers lunch and dinner on August 16<sup>th</sup> and breakfast and lunch on August 17<sup>th</sup>, all transportation costs, and materials.

**ACCG will make your reservation for the night of August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Columbus Marriott. The room rate is \$109. (Don't forget to send your tax exemption forms or tax will be on top of this rate.) When we have more information about our staging area, we'll provide details about hotel accommodations close to it, in case you need a room for the night of August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for registration/hotel confirmation \_\_\_\_\_



**Please return this form and your registration fee payment to:**

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