



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**School of Public Administration**

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County and Municipal Leaders in Central Florida  
Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Volusia, Brevard, Citrus, Flagler, Lake, Levy, Marion, and Sumter  
Counties and Municipalities

Re: Florida Institute of Government (IOG) Proposal for Central Florida Governments

Dear County Chairs, Municipal Mayors, and Local Government Administrators:

As Director for the School of Public Administration in the College of Community Innovation and Education at the University of Central Florida, I am writing to you because your central Florida county or municipality is a local government we have identified for inclusion as part of our planned service area for a prospective Florida Institute of Government (IOG) program, housed in our School of Public Administration.

Our school mission is to engage with communities and local governments to advance knowledge and develop public service leaders equipped with ethical, managerial, and professional skills and values that promote social progress. In addition to the undergraduate and graduate degrees we offer in public administration and related disciplines of public service, we have identified the IOG as another avenue to provide education to emerging and seasoned public servants. The Florida IOG, established in 1981, has a long history of serving local governments by funding higher education institutions to share training and expertise with local governments. There are currently three IOG programs in the state but none in our region. We strongly believe that the governance demands from growing populations in central Florida come with additional needs for training, education, and research. We want to share those resources by being your higher education partner through a state funded IOG program in central Florida.

Please join our school's experienced faculty and staff in our proposal to the Florida Institute of Government Executive Office and Statewide Administration by reviewing, editing, and signing the enclosed letter "Support for IOG in Central Florida and the Greater Orlando Area" on your organization's letterhead. It is our aim to have signed support from the board chair, mayor, and city/county administrator in the 11 counties of our region. Should you have any questions or thoughts on how to make a prospective central Florida IOG best serve your needs, please contact me or the faculty member who called and emailed you this request. We look forward to advancing public service in central Florida through this higher education and local government partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Goodman", is positioned above the typed name.

Doug Goodman  
Professor & Director  
School of Public Administration