

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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UPDATE





HIGHLIGHTS

- There are 119 IRE Participants as of 2006.
- Current recruitment is underway with classes expected to begin in September.
- Funding continues to be a challenge in ensuring sustainability
- Increase tuition fees from \$2750.00 to \$2950.00
- Cohort Five comprised of 21 students will be graduating on September 1, 2006, to be held at COG at 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Current class is now completing their requirements including team projects, including a poster session and individual projects.



TEAM PROJECTS

- ***“Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: Public Sector Planning Considerations”***

This project developed an impact analysis and information templates designed to guide National Capital Region (NCR) Chief Administrative Officers (CAO's) in addressing non-medical pandemic issues.

- ***“Energy Conservation: Are you an Energy Star?”***

This project documented energy conservation BMP's which will provide the framework for implementing strategies in the COG region.

- ***“Foster Families: Tracking Success Stories”***

This project designed a web-based data management tool for regional foster care staff.

- ***“Hoarding: An Accumulating Secret”***

This project assessed hoarding's impact on the Washington, DC metropolitan region.

- ***“McMansionization: Community Impacts and Policy Alternatives”***

This project provided recommendations to help Washington Metropolitan Area jurisdictions understand, develop and implement strategies and/or policies that best address the community concerns posed by mansionization.

IRE TEAM PROJECTS



IRE Poster Sessions with Elected Officials, CAOs and other Guests





WHY SEND YOUR STAFF TO IRE?

- Increased promotional and developmental opportunities for participants
- Addresses leadership and management needs of jurisdictions in light of current leadership training and staffing needs, and as a succession planning strategy
- Value-added benefits for jurisdictions as it relates to IRE projects implemented at their levels
- Opportunity to share best practices among IRE participants
- Team projects within IRE support COG's goals – opportunity for added support in research, collaboration and data sharing
- COG IRE is accredited by the National Certified Public Managers Consortium. IRE is a proactive approach to increase the pool of certified public managers qualified to assume current and future leadership positions