



THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF **MISSOURI POLITICS**

A *SPECIAL* 1-DAY PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
IN CONJUNCTION WITH MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

This one-day program focuses on Missouri's political culture and the overall stability of politics in Missouri state government. The program will compare Missouri's political culture to other states; provide information about the constitutional history of the state – with particular emphasis on the initiative and referendum process; and examine the impact of political institutions on public policy. Ideally, the program will help participants understand Missouri's "big" political picture. Specific attention will be given to:

- Assessing the impact of historical events and cultural norms on public policy
- Understanding the constitutional limitations on public policy; and
- Drawing linkages between partisan politics and public policy

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Political Culture in Missouri: *How Missouri is at the crossroads of three political cultures: moralistic, individualistic, and traditionalistic*

Constitutional History: *How constitutional purposes have been fulfilled across four constitutions and a plethora of amendments*

Institutional: *Beyond "How A Bill Becomes Law:" The intersection of politics and policy*

Missouri Politics: *A lively discussion of political parties, elections, initiatives and referendums*

The program will be held at the State Capital and include a **tour of the Capital** for interested participants.

Enroll online at <https://www.training.oa.mo.gov/enroll.php>

For enrollment assistance, please call (573) 751-4514 or Teresa.Maher@oa.mo.gov

COMPETENCY:

Political Awareness

PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR:

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This program is part of the *Missouri Certified Public Manager Program (CPM)* curriculum. Because this topic may be of special interest to many supervisors and managers in state government, the program is being made available to anyone interested in attending.

JULY 13, 2011

8:30 – 4:30

State Capital

Hearing Room 7

Cost: \$50.00