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Urban Forum Webinar on Forecasting

December 20, 2018 | 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (ET)

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LEVEL: Basic

CPE CREDITS: 1 (based on a 50-minute hour)

FIELD OF STUDY: Finance

PREREQUISITE: None

Speaker:

Josh Harwood, City Economist, City of Portland, Oregon

Who Will Benefit:

Budgeting, accounting, and other financial professionals who develop, review, or utilize forecasts.

Program Description:

Forecasts are essential for all types of governments to project and help communicate potential challenges impacting their organization. Development of forecasts and the assumptions used to develop should be carefully considered in the process of developing the forecast, but of equal weight is how the forecasts will be used and communicated by the organization to benefit its operations and long-term resiliency. This one-hour training session will include recommendations for producing a responsive forecast and also insert examples from GFOA best practices and real life examples.

Seminar Objectives:

Those completing this seminar will be able to:

- Understand GFOA's recommendations for developing forecasts and long-range financial projections
- Learn how to forecast for more challenging and complex events
- Understand more about developing a good process for developing forecasts and communicating with various stakeholders

Recommended GFOA Reading:

For further study

[GFOA Best Practice on Financial Forecasting in the Budget Preparation Process](#)

[GFOA Best Practice on Long-Term Financial Planning](#)

[GFOA Best Practice on the Use of Trend Data and Comparative Data for Financial Analysis](#)

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