



Florida School Finance Officers Association

May 7, 2010

I would like to personally invite you to attend the June 8 – 11, 2010, Florida School Finance Officers Association Conference being held at the PGA Resort in Palm Beach Gardens. Your Board of Directors has created an agenda that addresses the key issues facing us in this challenging economic environment. The conference sessions will provide pertinent information that will help you deal with the “opportunities” that await all of us.

On our conference website: <http://www.fsfoa.org/june2010.asp>, you will find the registration form, the agenda, a link to the hotel reservation site as well as other information. You should check the site regularly as it will be updated frequently.

The **cutoff date** for hotel registration is **May 21st**. I suggest using the link on our website, but if you choose to make your reservation by telephone, you must identify your group “**FSFOA**” to receive our room rate of only \$109.00. There will be no fees for self parking or internet access in the guest room or lobby area. You will also have unlimited admission to the Health and Racquet Club facilities when you aren’t in sessions. Additionally, we have arranged for wireless access in the conference areas on Wednesday and Thursday so you can keep up with the office while you are away. To avoid sales tax, please bring a copy of your tax exempt certificate for the hotel. Additionally, the hotel will work with the individuals who have low daily Debit/Credit card limits, but you need to let them know this information when you check in at the hotel. The room rate is available to you for three days before and after the conference, based on availability, if you would like to relax before heading back home.

The pre-conference sessions on Tuesday will offer CPE hours for Accounting and Auditing Updates in the morning. The afternoon sessions will also offer a four-hour alternative to meet the requirement for Investment training and the Government Ethics course that is required for CPAs.

We are honored to have the **Commissioner of Education, Eric Smith**, speaking on Wednesday morning. Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Operations, and DOE staff will be providing a DOE Update as well as afternoon mini-sessions on ARRA reporting, Cost Report, Capital Outlay and other updates.

On Thursday morning, Rick Collins will present the Finance Council meeting update and budget reduction ideas. Dr. Wayne Blanton will provide us with the Legislative Updates before we break for lunch. Later in the afternoon, we will have several mini sessions including TRIM, Qualified Public Depository Accounts, Property Value Declines, Capital Assets and Internal Funds to name a few presentations.

Friday morning we will have a presentation by the Auditor General’s Office, FRS and an Economic update.

Don’t miss this opportunity to network with other School Districts and DOE staff! And be sure to check www.fsfoa.org regularly for updates to the agenda! There will be time to relax and enjoy the surrounding area. The Palm Beach area has outstanding restaurants in addition to the cuisine at the PGA Resort. Once again, welcome!

Sincerely,

Leanne Evans

FSFOA President