The KU Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program is now enrolling for 2023!

In the CPM Program, participants strengthen their leadership and management skills through a competency-based curriculum. Coming together in cohorts for two days each month, those enrolled in CPM develop a stronger understanding of themselves; learn how to bring out the best in others; explore topics such as measuring outcomes, decision-making, and difficult conversations; and strengthen the ability to lead during tumultuous times. The year-long course has about 25 students in each cohort for a small-group approach to learning. For 2023 CPM kicks off in January and will be offered in Overland Park, Newton, and online. Don't miss your spot in this once-a-year opportunity: kupmc.ku.edu/programs/cpm
2023 TAX RATE SURVEY EXTENDED ONE WEEK!

To guarantee publication in the 2023 Tax Rate Book the League needs your response to the Tax Rate Survey by this Friday, December 9th!

The Tax Rate Book is published annually in the March Kansas Government Journal. The book is structured to illustrate tax rates and fiscal data from each of the three classes of cities and then moves on to highlight tax rates from counties, unified school districts and community colleges. The data collected includes, but is not limited to: assessed valuation, bonds, temporary notes, no-fund warrants, and mills levied by each taxing subdivision. The criteria for the data collected provides a well-rounded perspective as to how individual cities, counties, and unified school districts are assessing taxes. Contact Wendi Stark, Research Associate, if you have questions. You should have received an email with instructions.

LEAGUE LOOKS TO HIRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Are you interested in becoming the League’s next Executive Director? The Search has been underway for a few weeks, and applications for the position are still being accepted until December 14, 2022. Specifics on the position posting are available here and below:

The League of Kansas Municipalities seeks a personable, innovative, and strong leader to serve as its next Executive Director. The ideal candidate should be experienced in lobbying and using a non-partisan approach to bring people together on issues. A bachelor’s degree in public administration, business administration, political science, or a related field, and at least five years’ experience in public policy administration and/or a combination of business and public administration, is required. A demonstrated ability to lead an organization in similar size and nature and firsthand senior management experience in local government, or a very strong understanding of municipal government, is required. Knowledge of the legislative process is a must, and a legal background or knowledge of governmental law would be helpful. A master’s degree is preferred. A connection to Kansas would be a plus. Must be willing to travel around the state to engage with all members. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Residency within Kansas is required. For more information on this position contact: Mark McDaniel, Sr. Vice President, Strategic Government Resources, 817-773-6558.

ACTION: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is proposing to amend the regulations for the Population Estimates Challenge Program which provides eligible general-purpose governmental entities (units) with the opportunity to file requests for the review of their population estimates for 2021 and subsequent years in forthcoming estimates series, beginning with the Vintage 2022 series that is scheduled to be published in 2023. Under this program, a governmental unit may file a challenge to its official population estimate by submitting additional data to the Census Bureau for evaluation, or by identifying a technical error in processing input data or producing the estimates. Specifically, the Census Bureau is proposing to amend its regulations to: update references to the input data used to produce the official population estimates and revise the evidence required to support a challenge.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 22, 2022.
LIHTC Application Modules Available

The Kansas Housing Resource Corporation developed and released a series of modules to answer common questions about the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), HOME, and National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) applications. Modules can be accessed by clicking on this link.

Application Deadlines:

- **January 6, 2023** – first round of 4% Private Activity Bond
- **January 27, 2023** – preliminary applications for 9%, HOME, and NHTF

2023 MIH and KHITC RFPs Released

The Kansas Housing Resource Corporation release the final 2023 Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the Moderate Income Housing (MIH) and Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit (KHITC) programs, as well as a draft RFP for the MIH-American Rescue Plan Act (MIH-ARPA) program.

The following resources are available on the MIH page of KHRC’s website:

- **2023 MIH RFP**
- **2023 KHITC RFP**
- **2023 MIH-ARPA Draft Redline RFP** (Comments are due Friday, Dec. 9 to MIH@kshousingcorp.org by close of business.)

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Fabric Challenge Map

As part of the FCC’s Broadband Data Collection (BDC), Internet service providers, governments, and other entities and organizations can submit challenges as well as crowdsource information, to the BDC fixed availability data published on the FCC’s Broadband Map.

What can be challenged?

- The reported service not offered or the reported speed is not available for purchase
- The internet service provider denied a request for service or demanded connection charges that exceed its standard installation charge
- The internet service provider failed to schedule or perform an installation within 10 business days of request

What are the ways to challenge?

- Individual. Challenges to availability data for single location. These will not be accepted directly through the map interface after the maps launch November 18, 2022.
- Bulk. Challenges to availability data for multiple locations. These will be filed directly into the BDC system and must meet the format of the applicable data specification. Bulk availability challenges will begin after maps are released on November 18, 2022.

Review specifications, watch relevant webinars, and read all FAQs. Information on the Bulk Challenge Submission can be found here.

For more information, please visit the FCC website.

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