

About the Office of Management Consulting & Training

The Office of Management Consulting & Training (OMCT) provides assistance to governors, governors' spouses and their respective staff throughout the life-cycle of a governor's term from election day through the final year in office. OMCT's services focus on the leadership and management of state government and on governor's office operations, and are offered at no cost as part of NGA membership.

OMCT Services

- **Chiefs Meetings:** OMCT provides private work sessions during NGA's Winter and Summer Meetings for chiefs of staff to meet with their counterparts and share ideas and innovations on timely issues. OMCT frequently organizes a special convening for chiefs with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.
- **Seminars:** Annual management seminars offer governors' and spouses' staff the chance to meet and share best practices and innovative approaches to managing their offices. There are no fees to attend and participants are responsible for their hotel and transportation costs.
- **Leadership and Management Publications:** OMCT offers a wide variety of publications that provide detailed analyses of governor's office operation models and state government leadership practices.
- **Research Assistance:** OMCT offers short-term research to provide a comparative analysis of common state management and operational practices.
- **Listserves for Governors' Chiefs and Senior Staff:** Governors' staff listserves provide a convenient forum to address issues of common concern.
- **Management Reviews and Retreats:** Management reviews provide an objective, confidential analysis of the operation of a governor's office. OMCT can help design, organize and facilitate retreats and strategy sessions, whether for a combined governor's office and cabinet retreat or smaller groups of sub-cabinets.
- **Transition Consultations:** OMCT provides a full range of services and assistance for newly elected governors, governors facing a re-election year and governors departing office. These tailored consulting services focus either on organizing and operating the governor's office or transitioning out of office.
- **NGA Governors' Spouses' Program:** The NGA Spouses' Program provides governors' spouses with opportunities to share experiences, best practices and advice with colleagues about their unique roles and responsibilities during NGA's Winter and Summer Meetings and an annual Spouses' Seminar. OMCT staffs a six-member, bipartisan Spouses' Leadership Committee that guides the governors' spouses' program and activities. OMCT also conducts an annual seminar for spouses' assistants and executive residence managers.

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