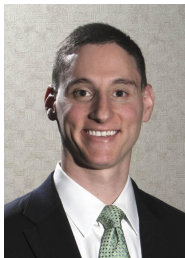




The Ohio Treasurer's Office Introduces MyCPIM, a new online reporting system for local government finance officers

By: **Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel**



Local government finance officers play an important role in the investing, managing and protecting of Ohio's public funds. As Treasurer of Ohio, I support them in this important mission. The Ohio Treasury's Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM) provides comprehensive educational training for local government finance officers, giving them the opportunity to come together and sharpen their tool kits.

This year, the Treasurer's Office is proud to announce the launch of MyCPIM, a new online reporting system to help streamline and simplify the CPIM experience for local government finance officers.

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Prepare Now to be Ready to Comply with New GASB Statement on Tax Abatements

By: **Clark, Schaefer & Hackett**

State and local governments have long used incentives and tax breaks in the name of economic development and job creation, as well as other purposes. Such agreements often are an important tool to encourage organizations and individuals to relocate businesses, construct new facilities, and retain jobs, with the promise of a reduction in taxes. However, generally accepted accounting principles did not fully address these agreements and thus, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued GASB Statement No. 77 *Tax Abatements*, which is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. While the effective date means local governments will have more than a year to implement, now is the time to begin gathering the necessary information to comply with the new disclosure requirements.

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Nepotism: Bad Idea, Illegal Practice

By: **Susan Willeke**, Education and Communications Manager, Ohio Ethics Commission

What is nepotism?

Under the Ohio Ethics Law, nepotism is when a public official or employee authorizes a family member's employment or uses his/her position in any way to obtain a public job for a family member.

Such as voting for a family member's hire or finalizing the employment documentation?

Direct hiring is clearly illegal. However, the Ohio Ethics Law also prohibits public officials and employees from indirectly influencing the hiring process for a family member. Examples of such indirect - but equally illegal - influences could include recommending a family member, participating in discussions about the family member's job application, or requesting an interview or job for a family member.

Is nepotism really a problem in Ohio?

Absolutely. In fact, nepotism is the primary Ethics Law violation investigated by the Ethics Commission each year. On average, nepotism comprises almost one-third of the Ohio Ethics Commission's investigative workload.

Is nepotism a criminal matter or just bad public policy?

The Ohio Ethics Law, which includes prohibitions against nepotism, is a criminal statute. While public agencies are wise to be aware of the appearance of impropriety that accompanies nepotism, it's important to understand that, in Ohio, the crime of nepotism is a fourth degree felony.

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Intro to the Finance Office & Governmental Accounting Seminar

April 14, 2016 - Nelsonville, Ohio

This seminar is designed as an introduction to the public finance office. It incorporates a high level look at the various issues that can be encountered in the finance office, including but not limited to Ethics, Public Records, Human Resources, Accounting Principles, Revenues, Expenditures, Budgets, Banking & Investments, Debt Issuance, Internal Control and Audits. It is designed for newly elected and appointed officials and employees of the public finance office and would be a great way for any public official to understand the complexities involved in the public finance office.

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Left to right: Connie Fink, Joyce Fetzer, Tom Willsey (OTA President), Nick Schwab, Board Chair, Jamie Nicolson, GFOA State Representative, Matt DeTemple (OTA Executive Director), Nancy White (Ohio GFOA Past President), and Marsha Funk



City of Whitehall

Left to right: Jamie Nicholson, GFOA State Representative and Dan Miller, Auditor, City of Whitehall

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Ohio GFOA Reception

Monday, May 23, 2016

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Registration and lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:45 p.m. Click [here](#) for registration details.

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