



SOUTH

PARTNERING FOR IMPACT

CSG South is a nonpartisan, member-driven organization that supports Southern state governments through policy research, leadership development, and regional collaboration. We equip policymakers with the resources to make informed decisions on the issues that matter most.

CSG South partners with corporate, nonprofit, foundation, and association sponsors to strengthen connections with Southern government officials and staff. Your support helps us deliver high-quality research, policy analysis, and leadership development to policymakers across the region.

By partnering with CSG South, you gain access to valuable policy insights, data-driven research, and opportunities to collaborate on targeted initiatives. Your investment allows us to expand our technical assistance, develop new policy projects, and enhance the resources we provide to state leaders.

POLICY SUPPORT & SERVICES

Southern Legislative Conference (SLC)

The SLC is the largest regional gathering of legislative members and government staff. SLC boasts an array of well-established programs, focusing on both existing and emerging state government innovations and solutions. These programs provide policymakers and government staff with diverse opportunities to interact with policy experts and share their knowledge with colleagues.

Southern States Leaders Retreat (SSLR)

Based on feedback from SLC, Southern leadership expressed interest in an event ideal for Southern Region leaders to convene, network, and discuss pivotal opportunities and challenges touching our region. SSLR is an invitation-only event designed to meet the interests of our Southern Leaders. The agenda will offer attendees opportunities for open discussions, breakout sessions, and networking.

CSG South 360

Through CSG South 360, we offer a full-spectrum partnership—providing strategic opportunities to engage with

policymakers, stay informed through policy monitoring, and contribute to impactful state-level initiatives. Together, we can drive meaningful progress and ensure decision-makers have the tools to lead effectively.

Roundtable Series

Our Roundtable Series provides technical and learning opportunities to engage with state and industry leaders, facilitating discussions about our region's challenges. These roundtables promote education and collaborative learning and allow all participants to share their thoughts and experiences.

Policy Masterclasses

Every fall, the CSG South Policy Masterclass Series invites members to explore the complexities of trending policy issues. Each Policy Masterclass consists of a multi-day program that offers policymakers and staff an in-depth look at key topics for state government, as well as an opportunity to exchange ideas with peers and build expertise on both regional and national levels.

PROGRAMS

Center for the Advancement of Leadership Skills (CALS)

CALS embodies the CSG South mission of championing excellence in state government and providing nonpartisan forums for state officials who might rarely cross paths to share ideas. The program brings together current elected or appointed members of state legislatures and judicial and executive branches. Southern state officials from three branches of government in a strictly nonpartisan environment. The five-day workshop event takes selected CALS scholars through activities and instruction focusing on the program's four central components—communication, conflict resolution, consensus building, and critical decision making.

Staff Academy for Governmental Excellence (SAGE)

Building upon the success of CALS and recognizing a need and desire for leadership development for state government staff, CSG South was proud to launch SAGE in Fall 2020. SAGE is a professional leadership development program for Southern state legislative, judicial, executive, and agency staff where they can develop personal and professional leadership skills and network with peers across the Southern region.

South Train

By partnering closely with state legislators, legislative leaders, and their support staff, CSG South creates customized

training sessions responsive to the current political landscape. To maximize accessibility, CSG South offers in-person workshops, interactive virtual seminars, and hybrid options that accommodate the varying schedules of busy legislators. Through these efforts, CSG South reinforces its commitment to enhancing state governance effectiveness and supporting those who serve in it.

Chief of Staff Retreat (Chiefs 15X)

The Chief of Staff Retreat focuses on enhancing collaboration and strategic planning among senior staff. Participants will engage in workshops and discussions aimed at addressing key challenges faced in their role, and they will leave the program with actionable solutions. This retreat not only fosters team building but also strengthens the leadership skills necessary for effective governance and public service.

SAIL

A new standing committee of CSG South that was approved by the SLC Executive Committee in July 2022. This is an unique and new opportunity for legislative, executive, and judicial branch staff to cohesively drive informational content catered to educating staff on topics of importance in their own careers while providing opportunities to network with their counterparts across the South.

EVENTS

July 11, 2026

Regional Energy Summit | Advancing Energy Policy, Infrastructure, and Innovation Across the South

July 11–15, 2026

Southern Legislative Conference (SLC)

August 18–20, 2026

Chief of Staff Retreat (Chiefs 15X)

August 31–September 2, 2026

Policy Masterclass | Building Better Outcomes: Strengthening Systems Through Informed and Collaborative State Leadership

September 15–17, 2026

Policy Masterclass | What's the Buzz from the Beehive State? Smart Growth Strategies from Outside the South

September 22–24, 2026

Policy Masterclass | Dealing with Data Centers: How States Are Addressing the Resource Needs of Power Users

October 4–8, 2026

Center for Advancement of Leadership Skills (CALS)

November 15–19, 2026

Staff Academy for Governmental Excellence (SAGE)



SOUTH