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**To:** Local Government Staff and Interested Agencies  
**From:** Centralina Council of Governments  
**Subject:** Call for Conference Session Proposals  
**Date:** October 7, 2016

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**Conference Date:** April 6, 2017

**Conference Location:** Charles Mack Citizen Center, Mooresville, NC

**Call for Presentations:**

The call for presentations is now open for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Creative Solutions for Thriving Communities Conference, which will be hosted in Mooresville, North Carolina on April 6, 2017. In addition to keynote speakers and special panels, the conference will highlight nine breakout sessions during the day-long event.

**Conference Background:**

The Creative Solutions for Thriving Communities Conference will offer educational, networking, and skill-building activities for elected officials, local government staff, and regional civic leaders. The conference will focus on exploring creative solutions and ideas to help local governments build thriving, livable, resilient communities. Conference sessions will include tangible, practical content that will inform and inspire participants from the 9-county Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) region.

**Session Categories:**

All sessions should strive to incorporate concepts of social and economic resilience as localities and the region grow and experience demographic shifts. Proposals should focus generally on one of these five categories:

- Growing Jobs and the Economy
- Transportation Choices
- Livable, Healthy Communities for All Ages
- Efficient Governance
- Data and Technology

**Format Options:**

Each session will be sixty minutes in length and may be structured as a breakout session, panel discussion or an interactive learning center.

- Breakout Session - Interactive session with 1-3 presenters

- Panel Discussion – Group of 4-6 panelists sharing knowledge in brief intervals
- Interactive Learning Centers – Exercises, demonstrations, or other participant driven sessions

Conference organizers reserve the right to combine presentation topics and panels and we encourage collaboration across agencies and organizational type (public, private, non-profit, institutional, etc.). We also hope to achieve a balance of presentations which showcase a variety of topics from communities of all sizes.

**Submitting a Proposal for Presentation:**

Please email PDF proposals to [planning@centralina.org](mailto:planning@centralina.org) by November 4, 2016. Selected proposals will be announced by November 21, 2016. Please include the following information as part of your submittal:

- Name, phone and email of person submitting the proposal
- Title of Session
- Session summary, 250 words or less
- Format preference (breakout, panel, interactive)
- Contact information and brief bio for each presenter and moderator (speaker photos will be requested later)

**For More Information:**

We will be happy to assist in the process. Any questions related to developing or offering a submittal should be directed to: [planning@centralina.org](mailto:planning@centralina.org). Thanks!



## April 6, 2017 – Session Proposal

### Proposer Information:

Name

Title

Organization

Phone

Email

Will you Serve as Moderator?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Will you Serve as a Session Speaker?

☐ Yes

☐ No

### Session Title:

### Session Description:

### Session Category:

☐ Growing Jobs and the Economy

☐ Transportation Choices

☐ Livable, Healthy Communities for All Ages

☐ Efficient Governance

☐ Data and Technology

### Session Format:

☐ Breakout Session

☐ Panel Discussion

☐ Interactive Learning Center



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**Speaker 1 Information:**

Name	Title
Organization	Phone
Email	

**Speaker 1/Moderator Bio (100 words max):**

**Speaker 2 Information:**

Name	Title
Organization	Phone
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**Speaker 2 Bio (100 words max):**



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**Speaker 3 Information:**

Name

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**Speaker 3 Bio (100 words max):**

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**Speaker 4 Information:**

Name

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**Speaker 4 Bio (100 words max):**