NACo invites all State Association Executive Directors to nominate one candidate from their state to participate in the 2015 County Leadership Institute. CLI will be held May 31 to June 4, 2015 in Washington, DC.

Who is eligible to attend CLI?
CLI is designed for elected officials with at least three years’ experience in county government at the policy level from NACo member counties. The class is limited to a maximum of 30 participants, with two spots reserved for state association executive directors. CLI accepts only one candidate from any given state. If you wish to nominate more than one person, please rank your nominees. Should your first nominee withdraw, we will consider your second nominee as an alternate.

What are the goals of the Institute?
Participants gain a broad perspective—about themselves as leaders, about the issues facing their communities and about how to engage broad networks of interested parties to develop solutions to difficult challenges facing their communities. Challenged by faculty and peers, CLI attendees explore concepts and develop relationships that affirm and direct their leadership potential at local, state and federal levels.

When is it held?
The Institute opens with an evening reception on Sunday, May 31 and concludes on Thursday, June 4.

Who are the instructors?
The Institute faculty are from Cambridge Leadership Associates. With Dean Ellen Schall of NYU Robert Wagner School of Public Service, Marty Linsky developed the CLI in 2004. He is affiliated with the Kennedy School of Government and is the author of several books including Leadership on the Line, with Ron Heifetz. The principal faculty member for the 2015 CLI program is Jeffrey Lawrence.

Where is the program held?
Classes are held at IBM Center for Electronic Government 600 14th ST. NW. Hotel accommodations are nearby at The Hamilton Crown Plaza 1001 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

What is the schedule?
The program includes two receptions, daily faculty presentations, dialogue, small group exercises and a business dinner.

What are the costs?
Attendees are responsible for their travel to and from Washington, DC. The $1800 registration fee covers the program, 4 nights’ lodging, some meals and local transportation. The remaining program expenses are covered by CLI corporate sponsors.

CLI Stats in 2014: 254 alumni. To see a list of alumni, visit here.

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