

In an effort to better understand the immigration challenges and dynamics in the state of Alabama, the Center for Governmental Services at Auburn University is pleased to announce plans for a round table discussion and public forum, The Impact of Immigration in Alabama. Both events will be held on Thursday, December 13 2007 and will be held at the Dixon Hotel and Conference Center in Auburn, Alabama. A round table discussion among select participants who have expertise with issues surrounding immigration will be held from 9:00 AM through lunch. An open forum to solicit input from the public will begin at 1:15 PM. Everyone is invited to join the afternoon forum.

The upcoming round table concerning immigration issues around Alabama will involve experts from the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama State Department of Education, the Alabama Department of Public Safety, advocacy groups such as the National Council of La Raza, and government officials including Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright and Auburn Mayor Bill Ham. Additionally, Bob Howell, WSFA news anchor, will moderate the round table discussion. Members of the public and Auburn University students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in an open discussion about immigration in Alabama following the round table session.

The Center for Governmental Services focuses on identifying Governmental Excellence and Best Practices and routinely holds associated events. The first Governmental Excellence and Best Practices Conference was held in 2003 in Montgomery Alabama. The last conference was held in Washington, D.C. at the National Press Club on Improving Public Trust and Transparency in Government. The conferences bring together professionals from all levels of government, academics, and professionals representing the private sector to discuss and collaborate on best government practices.

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