



## COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Counties operate under powers granted to them by the Washington State Constitution, the Revised Code of Washington, and the Washington Administrative Code. Successful leadership within each county depends on a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of independent elected officials, as well as commissioners, council members, and county executives.

### Course Objectives:

Through lecture, interactive learning activities, and small group discussions, participants will:

- Broaden knowledge of the history of county government
- Discuss county structure, roles and responsibilities
- Gain a better understanding of the relationship between federal, state and other local governments

### Dates, Locations & Cost:

9 am to 12:30 pm

**April 16, 2010**—Tukwila  
WCIA Building

or

**April 23, 2010**—Ephrata  
Grant County Public Works

\$60 for members of WSAC,  
WACO, WCRP and CRAB

\$75 for non-members

### Instructor: Eric Johnson, Executive Director, WSAC

Since May 2008, **Eric Johnson** has served as the Executive Director the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) where, for two years prior, he served as the Deputy Director. Before joining the WSAC Staff, Eric served as a Lewis County Commissioner (elected 2000, and re-elected 2004). As a County Commissioner, Eric primarily focused on transportation and public works, land use and natural resources, and improving social and human services in distressed rural communities. He is passionate about effective and efficient delivery of public services, and has dedicated the past 25 years of his career to improving public policy and processes, strategic organizational development, and ensuring prioritization and accountability for public expenditures.

*“(Eric) has the historical knowledge of Washington State”* to teach this course, a recent student from Yakima County stated. The Clerk of Grant County noted, *“Eric was very knowledgeable and easy to listen to. The Jeopardy game... was fun!”*



This course qualifies for 2 Core Certified Public Official (CPO) credits; a certificate will be awarded. Please visit [www.countytraininginstitute.org](http://www.countytraininginstitute.org) to register and for more details.

