Governmental Finance Online Course: Introductory Budget

How the Course Was Developed: Course Authors and Contributors

The Financial Management Introductory Budget course has traditionally been a certificate/certification course offered in a face-to-face environment only to local employees from the State of Georgia. In 2012, the online version of the Introductory Budget course was created as a joint effort between the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

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