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Staff from CHEP's [Institute for Public Administration](#) (IPA) participated in a series of roundtable discussions about the role of universities in economic and community development on October 9-10 in Washington, D.C., along with representatives of 11 other southeastern universities. Director Jerome Lewis, policy scientist Bernard Dworsky, and assistant policy scientist Troy Mix represented IPA.

The meeting was hosted by members of the [Southern Consortium of University Public Service Organizations](#) (SCUPSO) and focused on university resources that may assist local, state, regional, and federal jurisdictions in working with the private sector to meet the challenges of a changing and global economy.

Universities play vital roles in a region's economy, from forecasting and impact analysis, to sharing information on emerging trends and issues, to fostering entrepreneurship and best practices. Participants heard from the [National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges](#) as well as the [University Economic Development Association](#) about university collaborations with economic development professionals in projects and services in regions throughout the country.

The group also took part in legislative briefings from the [National Association of Counties](#), the [U.S. Conference of Mayors](#), and the [National Association of State Budget Officers](#).

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