



ALM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

**Application period for 2027
August 5 - September 15, 2026**

Up to 10 communities will be selected

Requirements:

- Mayor or appointee and two councilmembers*
- Attend four classroom sessions
- Show progress on community goals set at the beginning of the program
- Attend EDA graduation at the Municipal Leadership Institute

The cost is \$3,500 to participate. Each elected official will receive four CMO credit hours for participation in the program.

*Up to seven members of the community may participate in the academy team (other city councilmembers, economic development professionals, clerks, planning and zoning, business leaders, etc.)

*The Economic Development Academy is a partnership with the
Alabama Community College System.*

For more information, visit the EDA webpage (almonline.org/EconomicDevelopmentAcademy)
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