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Charleston County Employee Passes Government Finance Officers Certification Exam

[Charleston County Government](#) employee LoElla C. Smalls has passed the South Carolina Government Finance Officers Certification exam. She is the Assistant Budget Director for Charleston County.

The [Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina](#) (GFOASC) offers this certification program for Government Finance Officers, and the [University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research](#) administers the courses and exam. Ms. Smalls received a scholarship from GFOASC to pay for tuition and books.

"This certification helps government financial professionals better perform their duties for the citizens of Charleston County," said Keith Bustraan, Charleston County's Deputy County Administrator-Finance.



The following Charleston County employees are also Certified Government Finance Officers:

- Patrick M. Gile, CPA, MBA, Budget Director
- Carla Ritter, CPA, Assistant Director of Finance

In addition to serving as the Assistant Budget Director for Charleston County, Ms. Smalls facilitates customer service training to county employees. In the community, she speaks to youth about etiquette and self-esteem, participates in various mentoring programs, and reads to children dressed as the Cat in the Hat. She previously served as President of the Charleston County Library Board and Secretary of the Orange Grove Elementary Charter School Board.

Ms. Smalls was the first participant in the City of Seattle's Women and Minorities in Governmental Finance Internship and Scholarship Program, in conjunction with the University of Washington. She holds a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. Previously, she was a Senior Finance Analyst for the City of Seattle and the Assistant Director of Finance for Spartanburg (SC) School District #7.

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