

Local Government Specialists: What We Can Do For You

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Specialists or Generalists?

Dual Hats – LGA/RUBA

Local Government Specialists

Resources Available



Presentation Overview

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Difference Between Specialists and Generalists

Specialists



Deep expertise and a high level of proficiency in a specific area or field

Generalists



Broad range of knowledge and skills across multiple areas



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Difference Between Specialists and Generalists

Specialists

- Deep knowledge and expertise in a specific area
- Focus on technical skills or detailed understanding

Local Government “Specialist”



Generalists

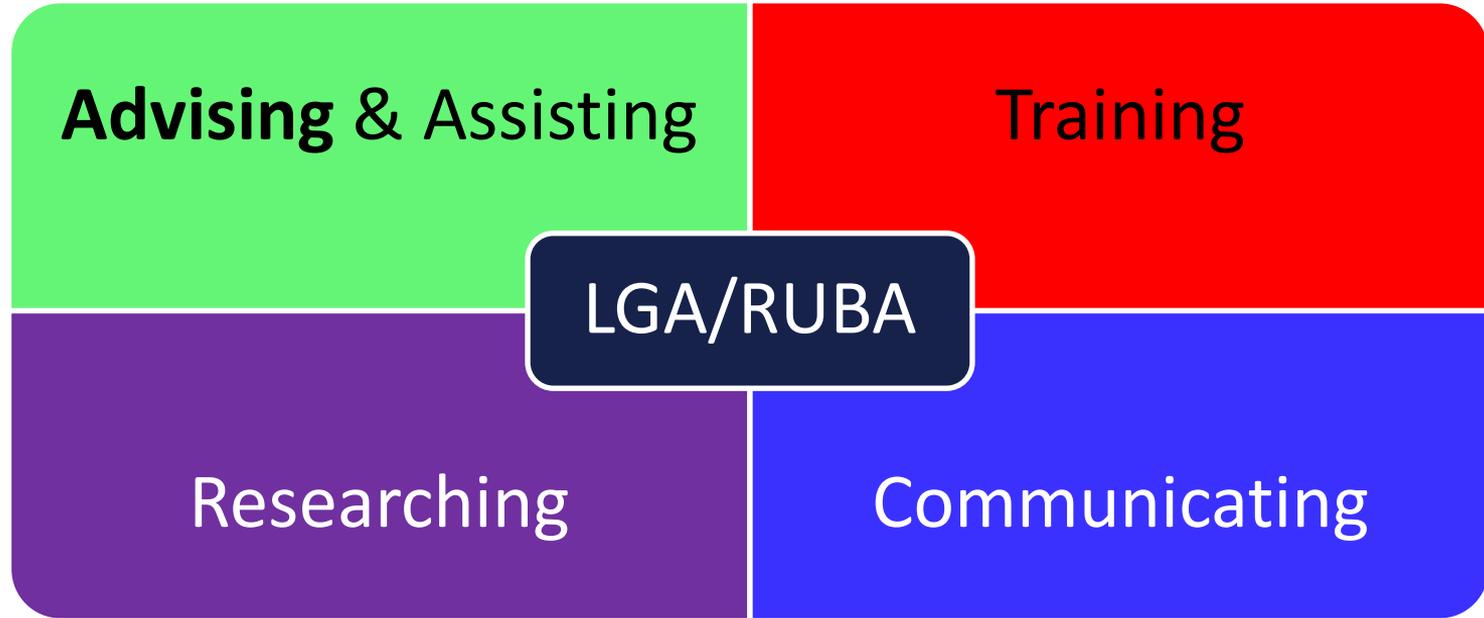
- Broad skill set across various fields or domains
- Quickly adaptable
- Good problem solvers



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Dual Hats – The Generalists of DCRA



Dual Hats

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Local Government Assistance

Tasks specific to the Local Government Assistance side:

- Alaska Statute Title 29 assistance
- Local Options
- Power Cost Equalization assistance
- Bulk Fuel Loan Program
- Rural Administrative Fuel Advisors



Alaska Statutes: Title 29 Municipal Government

2025 Updates
from the
34th Legislature
First Session: January – May 2025



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Local Government Assistance

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Rural Utility Business Advisors

Tasks specific to the Rural Utility Business Advisors:

- Operations and Maintenance Best Practices (Best Practices) Scoring
- Support for communities operating water/wastewater utilities
- Remote & on-site assistance
- 32-hour trainings on utility management



Rural Utility Business Advisors

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Local Government Assistance and Rural Utility Business Advisors

- Local Government Information Tutorials
- Budgeting
- Financial Management
- Payroll Liability
- Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Clerks' Training & Support
- Elected Officials Training
- Personnel Management
- Creation of Ordinances
- Creation of Resolutions
- Codification
- Election Supports
- Meetings and Parliamentary Procedures
- Etc.



LGA/RUBA

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[Rural Utility Business Advisors](#)

[Local Government Resource Desk](#)

[Local Government Assistance](#)

[Community Database](#)

[Bulk Fuel Loan Program](#)

[Financial Management](#)

[Training](#)

[Alaska Statute Title 29](#)

[Local Government Information Tutorials](#)

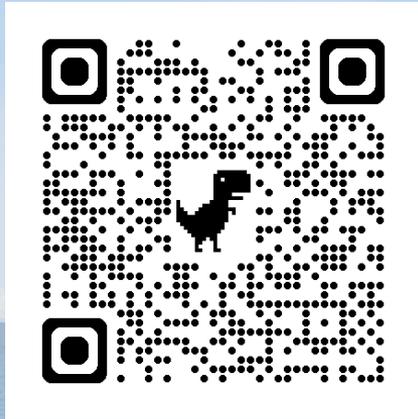
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Find Your Local Government Specialist Here:



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Thank you!

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