



## **“Authentic Leadership” Continuing Executive Education Opportunity** at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government November 27-November 30, 2017

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One of the objectives of the Delta Leadership Network is to foster continued education for Delta leaders. In support of this objective, Delta Regional Authority and the Delta Leadership Institute is proud to offer its 3<sup>rd</sup> continuing education training opportunity at Harvard University exclusively to the Delta Leadership Network this coming Fall.

The *Authentic Leadership* executive education program at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is designed and led by Harvard faculty, and focuses on cutting edge leadership principles in the U.S. More information on Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education can be found at <https://exed.hks.harvard.edu/>.

### **I. Application and Selection**

DLN members are invited to submit a letter of interest to participate in the 2017 DLN continuing executive education opportunity, *Authentic Leadership*, emphasizing your past engagement and plans to connect this education with your community’s and personal development goals.

Your letter of interest must include:

- A detailed report (no more than 250 words) of your involvement with the Delta Leadership Network and Delta Regional Authority since your graduation from the Executive Academy. Please include years you attended DLN Conference and State Dinners;
- A short narrative (no more than 250 words) on how DLI has influenced your professional life and your expected use of the *Authentic Leadership* training that you can take back to your community; and
- An updated resume.

Letters of interest will be accepted until 5:00 pm CT on Monday, September 25. Letters of interest and attachments should be submitted via email to Andrea Allen at [anallen@astate.edu](mailto:anallen@astate.edu).

### **II. Guidelines**

#### *Eligibility and Criteria for Selection*

Any graduate of the Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy and active member of the Delta Leadership Network is eligible to apply. Those who have actively participated in DLN Annual Conferences, State Dinners, and other opportunities to engage with the Leadership Network and Executive Academy since graduation will be ranked higher for participation. Also, evidence of how you have been able to apply lessons, experiences, and tools from the Delta Leadership Institute experience in your community will be scored highly for selection.



Regional Advisory Council members will receive priority consideration for selection as the elected and nominated leaders of the Network, followed in priority by DLN members who have not attended one of the past two Harvard Kennedy School opportunities. The most recent graduating class will only be selected should there be space available after all other applicants have been considered, as the hope and expectation is for the most recent graduates to take the coming year to apply the resources and lessons learned from the executive academy to work in their community.

*Selection, Lodging, and Travel*

On-site meals, housing, and tuition will be provided. Accepted participants will only be responsible for round trip airfare expenses to the Boston area and transportation to and from the hotel and the Harvard University campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A complimentary shuttle bus is available to campus from the hotel at regularly scheduled times.

Upon notification of selection for the program, you will have approximately six weeks to book a flight to Boston from your closest airport. **To confirm your space in the program you must email your confirmed flight itinerary to Andrea Allen (anallen@astate.edu) by Monday, October 30.** Those that do not book their flight and confirm their space by this deadline will forfeit their spot to applicants on the wait list. *Travel is at the participant's expense, NOT covered by DLI.*

All flights should be booked to arrive into Boston Logan International Airport (airport code: BOS) no later than NOON on Monday, November 27 and can depart no earlier than 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 30. Travel experts advise that the best prices are available 42 days (or 6 weeks) out from the scheduled departure, but note that this could fit into Thanksgiving travel prices. DLI staff, upon selection and notification, will do their best to help connect participants near each other to help them coordinate similar flights and shared transportation to and from the Boston airport.

Lodging will be covered by DLI for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights at the DoubleTree Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Rd. If you should elect to arrive on or before Sunday, November 26, before the training begins or stay beyond Thursday, November 30, you will be responsible for your own lodging.

**III. Timeline**

September 5, 2017	Application cycle open
September 25, 2017	Letters of interest with ALL supporting documents due to <a href="mailto:anallen@astate.edu">anallen@astate.edu</a> by 5:00 pm CT
October 2, 2017	Notification made to those selected
October 30, 2017	Flight to Boston must be confirmed with Andrea Allen to hold slot
November 27, 2017	All participants must land in Boston by Noon
November 30, 2017	All participants will be able to fly out after 2:00 pm

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Any questions should be directed to Spencer Lucker at [slucker@dra.gov](mailto:slucker@dra.gov) or Andrea Allen at [anallen@astate.edu](mailto:anallen@astate.edu).