

Chamber Industry Associations

Learn more about the two statewide associations and the two national associations that serve as the cornerstone of support for all successful chambers of commerce.

Professional Development



Advocacy Support



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Professional Chamber Certifications

Six professional and organizational certifications exist to recognize the outstanding achievements of world class chambers and world class chamber executives who strive daily to lead communities and lead businesses with the highest standards of excellence and professionalism.

**Georgia Association of
Chambers of Commerce
Executives**
gacce.org



**Georgia Certified
Chamber**



**Georgia Certified
Chamber Executive**

**Association of Chambers of
Commerce Executives**
acce.org



**National Chamber of
the Year**



**Certified Chamber
Executive**

U.S. Chamber of Commerce
uschamber.com



**National
Accreditation**



**IOM
Institute for Organization
Management**

ACCE's Horizon Initiative: helping chambers drive change



How will chambers adapt and evolve to mega trends over the next decade? How will they ensure that their best days are yet to come?

These are the core questions explored in ACCE's Horizon Initiative: Chambers 2025 report. The Horizon Initiative report taps the chamber industry's collective wisdom and draws heavily from social science scholarship and business research. The goal is not to tell chambers what they must do or be a decade from now. Instead, the value of this report is its potential to inspire ideas. The nine influences described in the Horizon Initiative Report are:

Belonging and Gathering
Communications and
Technology
Scarcity and Abundance

Global Impacts
Population Shift
Political and Social
Fragmentation

Resource Alignment
Catalytic Leadership
Limitations of Government

What are you doing to redefine the future and insure your chamber remains relevant as it leads business and leads communities? Horizon gives you great information for strategic planning, staff planning and board retreats. It's one of the best tools in the industry for taking your chamber to the next level. Learn more about what chambers across the country are doing to stay ahead of the changing curve. Learn more at acce.org.

CCE: Aspire to be a Certified Chamber Executive

The industry's highest professional designation



Earn the internationally-recognized certification for chamber professionals! The Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) program is designed to assess the applicant's knowledge of the four core chamber management areas - Management, Planning and Development, Membership and Communications, and Operations.

CCEs exemplify commitment to the chamber of commerce profession; dedication to managerial and leadership excellence; and leadership in state, regional, and national chamber professional associations.

Join more than 500 chamber executives who have earned the designation of Certified Chamber Executive. Contact Susan McGuire with ACCE at smcguire@acce.org for more information on the CCE program, process, and eligibility requirements.

ACCE Body of Knowledge

Benchmarks for the Chamber profession and core competencies

ACCE developed the Body of Knowledge for the chamber profession. It establishes benchmarks for the chamber profession and serves as the foundation for ACCE's educational programs. The Body of Knowledge outlines general job competencies and is updated, as necessary, to reflect current chamber profession practices. It is understood that chamber professionals need not have expertise or direct responsibility in all of these areas yet should have a comprehensive understanding of how each component impacts the chamber. By reviewing the Body of Knowledge and working towards comprehending and implementing these practices, chamber professionals will be empowered with the essential skills necessary to be successful in the profession. Visit acce.org to learn more.



ACCE Chamber of the Year



The nation's only award that recognizes the dual role chambers of commerce have leading businesses and communities. The award recognizes excellence in operations, member services and community leadership.

Since 2007, ACCE has annually recognized chambers of commerce in various size categories for their work leading businesses and communities with the prestigious Chamber of the Year award. The award recognizes excellence in operations, member services and community leadership.

The Chamber of the Year award involves a **multi-stage process**, which includes **Dynamic Chamber Benchmarking**, application and interview. During the first two stages, chambers compete against the numbers. As finalists, they compete against other chambers within their **category**. ACCE uses a five-factor equation based on the numbers submitted in Dynamic Chamber Benchmarking to determine an applicant's competition category (1–4). This process insures that all applicants will be competing against chambers of commerce of similar size and capacity.

The benefits of winning Chamber of the Year are significant and going through the process is a great learning experience. Georgia is currently represented by two previous winners, the Newnan-Coweta Chamber and the Georgia Chamber. But we want more! Everyone is encouraged to participate in the process. Start thinking now about applying in 2020. For information go to acce.org.