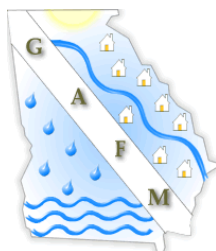


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Five Essentials to Successful Mentoring Connections

In a successful mentoring connection, the Mentor and the Mentee must both want the relationship to work and be willing to commit time and energy to the process. Five elements are essential:

Respect: This is established when the Mentee recognizes the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the Mentor and when the Mentor appreciates the success the Mentee has reached to date and the Mentee's desire to develop to their full potential.

Trust: Mentors and Mentees should build trust through communicating and being available to each other, reliable, and loyal.

Partnership Building: The Mentor and Mentee are professional partners. Barriers that partnerships face may include miscommunication, an uncertainty of each other's expectations, and perceptions of other people. In order to overcome these barriers, they should work together to maintain communication, address and fix obvious problems as they occur, examine how decisions might affect goals, and have frequent discussions on progress.

Realistic Expectations and Self Perception: A Mentor encourages the Mentee to have realistic expectations of the Mentee's capabilities, the amount of time and energy the Mentor can commit to the relationship, and what the Mentee must do to earn their support for his or her career development. The Mentor gives honest feedback when discussing the Mentee's traits, abilities, talents, beliefs, and roles.

Time: Set aside the time to meet, even by e-mail or telephone. Don't change times unless absolutely necessary. Control interruptions. Frequently "check in" with each other via informal telephone calls or e-mails.

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Mentee Application

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail address _____

GAFM Region _____

Please indicate if you live in a different Region than where you work and would rather have a mentor from the Region where you live _____

CFM? _____ # of years _____
Yes/No

Floodplain Manager ? _____ # of years _____
Yes/No

Engineer ? _____ # of years _____
Yes/No

Other Profession? _____ # of years _____

Strengths _____

Weaknesses _____

Subject(s) you would be interested in being mentored in _____

Availability (dates/times) _____

Non-availability (dates/times) _____

Other Information the CFM Mentor Program Coordinator should know in evaluating this application:

I have read the CFM Mentor Program Guidance Document and the 5 Essentials to Successful Mentoring Connections and I am willing to participate in the GAFM CFM Mentoring Program:

Signature

Printed Name

Date