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Moffitt awarded prestigious SEMCOG fellowship

Farmington Hills attorney David Moffitt is East Coast bound.

The longtime Oakland County Commissioner who represents the Farmington/Farmington Hills area has been selected to attend a month-long course in government affairs at Harvard University.

Moffitt will join other civic leaders from around the world

invited for the course taught at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government Relations.

According to Moffitt, he has heard the course resembles a "boot camp" style of intense study, with 12-hour days in the classroom, seven days a week.

"I've talked to people who've taken the course who say they still remain friends with the people they met there," said

Moffitt. "Apparently, the people come back unified with a bond.

"I hope to bring back some enhanced problem-solving, policy analysis and development skills," the attorney said. "This will aid our citizens and diverse communities and regional issues."

Moffitt's trip and study is provided with a grant from the Taubman Company. Each year,

two of the most outstanding elected officials in Southeastern Michigan from among Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments' 140 regional members are selected to attend the conference.

A committee made up of past recipients to the Harvard program select the candidates.

"I'm grateful of the recognition by SEMCOG," Moffitt said.