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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 4, 2006	AREA 7 CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS CONSORTIUM, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
AUGUST 4-8, 2006	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, COOK COUNTY (CHICAGO), IL
AUGUST 25, 2006	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, CONCOURSE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE, COLUMBUS, OH
AUGUST 30 & 31, 2006	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS, ERIE COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING, HENRY COUNTY (NAPOLEON)
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, HANCOCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER, HANCOCK COUNTY (FINDLAY)
OCTOBER 6, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
OCTOBER 27, 2006	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ASSOCIATION NEWS

BLACKWELL'S REQUEST FOR \$2.8 MILLION FOR ELECTION SUPPORT APPROVED

This past Monday Secretary of State Blackwell's request for the release of \$2.8 Million for election support was approved by Controlling Board. The money will be used by the state to purchase technical support for boards of elections in conducting the August and November 2006 Elections.

According to memos from the Secretary of State's

office to boards of elections, counties with Diebold equipment will receive the following:

- Full Ballot Programming - onsite
- Audio Programming (1 language)
- Logic and Accuracy Support - onsite direction and guidance to perform all database downloads and testing of machines
- Precincts up to 22 = 3 days
- Precincts up to 105 = 5 days
- Precincts up to 275 = 10 days
- Precincts over 275 = 15 days
- Election Support - GEM Technician = 10 days

- Day before the election
- Election Day
- Post Election Day (includes canvass and recounts up to 5 days)
- Inventory & Election Wrap Up
- Ohio's Project Manager's Office open through December 2006; centralized communications and 4 Project Managers to support the November Election.

Counties with ES&S equipment will receive the following:

- On-Site Assistance with Ballot Layout/Coding (customer responsible for layout & coding)
- Audio Programming (1 language)
- Logic and Accuracy Support - onsite direction and guidance to perform all database downloads and testing of machines
- Election Support
- Unity/ERM technician on-site and regional phone tech support
- Day before the election
- Election Day
- Post Election
- Inventory/Election Wrap-Up
- Ohio Project Management Support - OPMS. The OPMS will remain open through the term of this (state) contract and provide on-site assistance to support the November 2006 Election.

Specific details on the number of days of on-site assistance training or project management as well as Election Day on-site support for the August and November elections are outlined in memos from the Secretary of State's office. (This includes support services for PCOS/AUTOMARK and IVOTRONIC.) If you would like a copy of the two memos, please forward a request to CCAO Staffer John Leutz at jleutz@ccao.org.

Counties have been frustrated by the lack of technical support following the May election, particularly given the number of anticipated ballot initiatives this November, the newness of the voting

equipment, and the statewide elections. CCAO appreciates efforts by Secretary of State Blackwell's office to secure technical support for boards of elections.

COUNTY WALKWAY PROJECT; HERITAGE GARDEN PATH TO RECONOGIZE OHIO COUNTIES

In the last six years the grounds at the Governor's Residence have undergone a major transformation. Each year, nearly 10,000 people visit the Residence and Heritage Garden where they learn about the artistic, industrial, political, horticultural and geologic history of Ohio through artifacts and plants. These visitors want to know what is at the "people's house" from their part of the state and are delighted to learn what other parts of Ohio have to offer.

The Residence and Heritage Garden would like to carry this concept of representing all parts of Ohio one step farther and have something that represents each of our 88 counties. To do this, the CCAO has agreed to work with the Residence staff to encourage each county to provide a rock, stone or paver brick bearing the county's name for a walk in the Heritage Garden. For example, it could be an old cobblestone from an early road, a paver brick made in your county, a piece of local sandstone or limestone, or a flat rock from the local river.

Guidelines

- 1) **Name of the County:** The stone or brick must arrive with the county name already cut into it (i.e., Adams County, etc.)
- 2) **Smallest size:** 8"X 4" (regular brick size)
- 3) **Largest size:** 12" X 12" (oval, square or rectangular)
- 4) **Surface of the stone/brick:** The stone or brick does not have to be perfectly smooth since they will be used to build the 2' soldier course on each side of the walk.
- 5) **Quality:** The stone or brick should be able to withstand the harsh winters and foot traffic of the 10,000 annual visitors at the

Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden.

We hope you will want to add to the beauty, interest, and educational value of the Residence by donating a stone or brick with your county's name cut into it and a three-sentence story about its history or why it was selected. The presentation and the stone's story will be posted on the website, www.governorsresidence.ohio.gov, and all donors will be invited to a reception on September 8th. Please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org or Julie Stone, Residence Facilities Manager, (614) 644-7644 or jstone@gov.state.oh.us by **August 1** to let them know when you would like to bring your stone or brick to Columbus with a county delegation and have a special tour of the Residence and Heritage Garden.

The Residence staff is also working with OSU Extension Agents and Master Gardeners from each county to try to get a native plant from a prepared list for the Heritage Garden, too. Perhaps your county delegation can work together to get both the native plants and stone or brick for your county.

Rick Stanforth, Residence Horticulturist and former Clinton County Commissioner, will be creating this 'walk' and would be happy to discuss this project with you. He can be reached at (614) 644-7644 or rstanforth@gov.state.oh.us.

CCAO PARTNERING WITH OHPELRA & OSU EXTENSION TO SURVEY SALARIES

Soon counties will be asked to complete a short survey for approximately twenty positions under the board of county commissioners, in an effort to develop statewide statistical information that commissioners, personnel/HR directors, and other key staff can utilize. CCAO is partnering with the Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA) and OSU Extension to conduct this survey.

CCAO frequently receives inquiries for salary information on various management and administrative positions along with other statutorily required jobs. In an effort to be responsive to counties, the three groups listed above are developing an on-line survey which they hope to

forward to counties early August. If a county is unable to complete the survey electronically, a paper copy will be made available.

The groups hope to compile the data results quickly so that counties can use this information yet this fall as budgets and salaries are prepared for next year.

One of the challenges of conducting such a survey is selecting which positions to examine and the titles of those positions, as these can vary from one employer to another. CCAO recognizes that not all 88 counties employ individuals in each of these positions, and often times, county employees are asked to perform two or three or even more job duties. In those instances, CCAO will ask counties to provide data for the task which is prominent yet also note other duties that are assigned.

CCAO currently is compiling a contact list of personnel directors, administrators, clerks or other key staff who should receive the survey for their county. This individual will be responsible to compile the data and serve as the contact person, though other individuals in the county are encouraged to support the overall effort. If you would like to contact CCAO with the appropriate contact person's name, title, e-mail address, and the name of your county, please e-mail such to Amanda Jones at ajones@ccao.org.

CCAO is very excited about the partnership with OSU Extension and OHPELRA and believes this initiative will result in valuable information for counties.

ERIE COUNTY TO HOST COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' DAYS - AUGUST 30-31

Mark your calendars and plan to attend County Commissioners' Days to be hosted by Erie County Commissioners Sparky Weinau, Nancy McKeen and Thomas Ferrell and OSU Extension on August 30-31, 2006. Registration, sessions and luncheons will be held at the Sawmill Creek Resort and Conference Center. Information has been distributed to all Boards of County Commissioners and the Summit County Executive and County Council by your county extension agent. A wide variety of events has been planned by the host committee. Erie County

suggests casual attire and comfortable shoes. Here are the highlights - see the conference registration form for housing information and more details!

Wednesday - August 30

- **CCAO Board of Trustees** meeting - The meeting is open all county commissioners and staff members. If you would like to address the Board, please contact Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager, by August 15.
- **Opening Luncheon**
- **County Tours:** Rocks, Fins & Feathers; Vegetables & Vineyards; Fruits, Flowers & Clippin's; and History & Culture.
- **Cedar Point Dinner & Entertainment**

Thursday - August 31

- **Educational Sessions 1:** Demographic, Agricultural & Economic Trends for Ohio & Counties; Emerald Ash Borer; Food Safety Education as a Risk Management Strategy; Managing Land Use Change in Ohio; Water use & Air Quality on Ohio Livestock Farms.
- **Educational Sessions 2:** Citizen Engagement; Estate & Later Life Planning; Linking Land Use & Lake Erie; Regionalism; Benefits & Costs of Wal-Mart to Local Communities.
- **Closing Luncheon**

Registration deadline: July 28. Registration fees: before July 28 - \$89 both days or \$75 - Wednesday or \$25 - Thursday or after July 28 - \$99 both days or \$80 Wednesday or \$30 Thursday.

For more information please contact your county extension agent or Vicki Myers at myers26@ag.osu.edu or Cheryl Fischnich at fischnich1@ag.osu.edu (330) 263-3831 at the OSU Extension North Central Region, 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, OH 44691.

SERVICE CORP PROGRAM UPDATE

U.S. COMMUNITIES LAUNCHES ROOFING SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT

The U.S. Communities program is pleased to announce that Hickman Community Services, LLC (HCS) has become the newest supplier under its Governmental Purchasing Alliance. The HCS contract, which was competitively solicited by Wichita Public Schools USD 259, Kansas provides a broad range of Commercial, Industrial and Residential style products and services for the repair, maintenance, restoration or replacement of all major categories of roofing. The contract also provides a full range of professional engineering, architectural and consulting services for the planning and design of roof management programs. These products and services are available to all state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations without the need for additional solicitation.

The contract provides for highly favorable, pre-competed pricing for these products that includes national and local installation considerations. The Roofing Supplies and Related Services contract was awarded and became available to public agencies for use on July 1, 2006.

Hickman Community Services is a partnership between Aduddell Roofing, a leading provider of commercial roofing, roofing repair and concrete restoration work, and W.P. Hickman Systems, the nation's premier manufacturer and provider of roofing materials and services. Hickman and Aduddell combine to bring more than 50 years of experience, millions of square feet of successful roofing projects and thousands of satisfied customers to this new offering. In addition, Professional Service Industries, Inc. will provide engineering and consulting services to HCS through an exclusive teaming agreement. The website for Hickman Community Services can be found at <http://www.hickmancommunityservices.com/>.

The new U.S. Communities contract is intended to offer local governments several benefits:

- Best national pricing from Hickman Community Services, LLC
- The ability to purchase roofing materials at national-level discount prices while still utilizing local businesses for installation services.
- A broad range of products and associated services.
- No usage fee charged to participating agencies.

The contract offering includes products and services in the following categories:

- Inspections and Evaluations
- Professional A & E and Consulting Services
- Patch and Repair Materials and Services
- Maintenance Programs
- Investigative and Testing Services
- Restoration Products and Services
- Roof Retro-fit Products and Services
- Roof Replacement Products and Services
- Coating Products and Services
- Green and Environmental Products and Services
- Reference materials.
- Related Education and Support Services

Due to the special nature of this new product category it is recommended that both Procurement and Facility Management Professionals be made aware of this announcement. In the event that the facilities management department is not currently registered, please forward this correspondence to those individuals.

U.S. Communities is co-sponsored by the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the United States Conference of Mayors and the Association of School Business Officials. Over 70 state associations of counties, cities and schools also sponsor the program.

The program presently offers 12 other contracts, including office and school supplies, office and classroom furniture, electrical & data communications, MRO (maintenance repair and operations), technology products and solutions, parks and playground equipment, flooring, physical education equipment, business machines, and homeland security/ first responder solutions. Any

public agency or non-profit organization may access these contracts and piggyback on the terms, conditions and pricing. The program has no fees to participate and public agencies only need to register to begin using the contracts.

For specific information about this new contract and related pricing contact Hickman Community Services directly at (800) 973-1975 or uscommunities@hickmancommunityservices.com and mention U.S. Communities. For general information about the US Communities program please contact Brent Fisher, CCAO Enterprise Services Manager, at 614-220-7996 or bfisher@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

GEAUGA SAFETY COUNCIL

Geauga County held its first Safety Council meeting on July 7, 2006. Our priority is to provide accident prevention information to Ohio employers and employees. The Middlefield Chamber of Commerce accepted the challenge of sponsoring and organizing the Geauga Safety Council and has received a very positive response from local government, employers, and the community. Sixteen very energetic and organized volunteers from business, industry and government have been involved in the start-up process and will continue to serve as officers and committee members. This first meeting of the newly created safety council was attended by a record 80 employer representatives from the initial 71 members enrolled in the Geauga Safety Council. Applications will continue to be accepted.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Division of Safety & Hygiene co-sponsors the Ohio safety council program to provide a forum for safety and health information, education and networking in local communities. Local BWC service office representatives have been assigned to the Geauga Safety Council to monitor program activities, serve as a spokesperson for BWC, to provide information and resources, and to serve as an advisor. The Geauga Safety Council thanks Joan McAllister, Industrial Safety Consultant Specialist with the BWC, for her role in the development of this program.

Safety Councils are required to host at least 10 meetings per calendar year. Topics must pertain to occupational safety and health, risk management, workers' compensation, BWC services, rehabilitation or environmental issues. Semi-annual reports are collected from member companies to recognize accomplishments in accident prevention.

Private employers and local governments who join a safety council by September 30, 2006 and actively participate in that safety council between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007 can earn a one-time, 4 percent discount off their workers' compensation premium.

Additional information on the benefits of joining and participating in a safety council, as well as the location of your local safety council, are available at www.ohiobwc.com.

TAFT SIGNS ORDER CREATING WORKFORCE EDUCATION COUNCIL

Concurring with a recommendation of a panel that studied higher education funding issues, Governor Bob Taft on Friday created an advisory council to review Ohio's workforce training and education programs.

Mr. Taft signed an executive order (No. 2006-16T) establishing the Ohio Workforce Education and Training Advisory Council and charged it with making short-term recommendations on how the state can improve the alignment of current programs and enhance student outcome measurements. The governor's office said the panel, which is to report its findings by Nov. 1, is free to look at models employed in other states.

The new council includes representatives of the legislature, adult career centers, community and technical colleges, university campuses, adult literacy programs, representatives of the Governor's Workforce Policy Board, the Department of Education, the Board of Regents and the state's business community. It also requires the Council to "seek input, assistance and participation" from units of government. It also requires that the Council's recommendations shall be informed by research

being conducted by the Governor's Workforce Policy Board.

Once delivered to the governor, the report will be distributed to the speaker of the House, president of the Senate, and interested parties.

HOUSE PANEL IN D.C. IS MULLING RESCISSION OF OHIO WIA FUNDS

The U.S. Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Committee is considering an appropriations bill with language that would rescind approximately \$325 million nationally in "unexpended" Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds no later than September 30, 2007. For Ohio, the potential rescission is estimated to be approximately \$21 million from unexpended balances for fiscal year 2006 and prior years. While ODJFS could not provide a break-out of how much of that \$21 million was state funds compared to local funds, ODJFS did feel that the "bulk" of the funds at risk are state and not local funds.

Since the state and counties will need the most up-to-date information possible to thwart these efforts, it continues to be important for every local workforce area be as accurate and timely as possible in the submission of all financial information to ODJFS. It is also a good time for county commissioners to ask questions and make sure they understand where their Workforce Investment Area is with respect to expenditures.

NACO and CCAO will be keeping you apprised and may very well be asking for grassroots lobbying efforts from counties in the near future.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

DECLARED OHIO COUNTIES CAN APPLY FOR FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE VIA TELEPHONE OR INTERNET

A toll-free application telephone number and on-line registration are now operational for those who suffered property damage or loss in the six designated counties affected by the severe storms,

tornadoes, straight line winds and flooding during the period of June 21-23.

People who sustained severe storm damage and reside in Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lucas, Sandusky and Stark counties may apply for disaster assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, until further notice. Those with speech or hearing impairment may call TTY 1-800-462-7585. Individuals can also apply on-line at: www.fema.gov.

This disaster declaration means that residents and business owners of these counties may be eligible for a wide range of programs such as funding for temporary disaster housing assistance; U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans for individuals and business owners to repair or replace damaged property; replacement grants for serious disaster-related needs and expenses not covered by insurance or other assistance programs; and disaster unemployment assistance.

It is important to note that FEMA disaster assistance covers basic needs, only, and will not normally compensate for entire losses, if residents have insurance policies. People should contact their insurance companies first, then, if they have unmet needs, they can call FEMA to apply. Some disaster aid does not have to be paid back, while other types of assistance may come in the form of loans. A FEMA representative will explain the details.

Residents and business owners who have previously registered with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, or any other voluntary agency need to apply for federal and state assistance programs by calling FEMA's toll-free number or by going on-line.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NIMS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Independent Study (IS) 703 Resource Management Training is an interactive computer-based course that provides the principles, tools, processes and systems used in the NIMS that incident managers need for

timely and effective resource management during an incident.

IS-703 shows that resources, including teams, personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies are managed through this NIMS system by advanced planning, resource identification and ordering, categorizing resources, use of agreements, acquisition management, management information systems, and protocols for ordering, mobilizing and dispatching.

The course is designed for local and state emergency management personnel and can be accessed through the FEMA Independent Study Program at : <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is703.asp>.

CLASSIFIEDS

M.I.S./QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR

Greene County Children Services Board, has posted the position M.I.S./Quality Assurance Supervisor. Under the general supervision of the Operations Director, the person hired to fill this position will coordinate and supervise all Management Information System activities including data processing and collection, generating and analyzing statistical reports, and over-seeing the state and agency computers.

Qualifications: MBA or Master's degree in business or a related field plus two years of experience in M.I.S. and/or Quality Assurance. It is preferred that one of the years experience be in supervision. Experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above. Must possess a valid Ohio Driver's License. Driving and background checks performed within Ohio law.

Submit a current resume and application (additional information and application can be printed from our web site at: www.greenecsb.org) to 601 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia, Ohio 45385. E.O.E.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Lucas County Commissioners seek qualified individual to lead our human resources department in all related functions (staffing, compensation, employee/labor relations, etc...). Bachelor's degree in human resources, public administration or business administration required, in addition to three years experience (one of which must be supervisory), OR an equivalent combination of education & experience. Valid driver's license/Ohio driving privileges also required. Applications accepted through July 24, 2006. Please send to Lucas County Human Resources, One Government Center, Suite 450, Toledo, OH, 43604. Additional information available at www.co.lucas.oh.us under "Job Listings".

COMPTROLLER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Responsibilities And Duties: The Court's Chief Financial Officer is responsible to oversee and maintain the financial records of the court; process invoices for payment; work with the Judge and Court administrator to prepare budgetary documents for the Clark County Commissioners and other branches of government; oversee all financial transactions for the court, including but not limited to preparing financial forms and reports for grants; to oversee the preparation of all filings for claims for monies from the State of Ohio, the United States of America and other public and private funding entities; and to perform any and all other assignments given to the Chief Financial Officer by the Judge and/or Court Administrator.

Qualifications: Applicants should have experience as a public accountant, preferably in the State of Ohio, with at least a bachelor's degree in public accounting or a related field of study (master's degree preferred) and possess a valid Ohio driver's license. Significant auditing experience is preferred. References from government entities are required. This is a salaried position. Range: \$45,000.00 - \$55,000.00

Instructions To Apply: Applicants interested in this position should submit an employment application, resume and letter of interest to Thomas W. Wilson,

Court Administrator, Clark County Juvenile Court, 101 E. Columbia Street, Springfield, OH 45502, telephone 937-521-1600. Application forms may be secured at the Clerk's Office in the Clark County Juvenile Court, or by telephoning the court at 521-1600, press 0 for operator and ask that a form be mailed to your attention. Applicants needing accommodation in competing this application please contact the Clark County Commission Office at 937 328-2413. Deadline for applying: **Friday, July 21, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.** EOE.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Please provide faxed or e-mailed copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, via fax at (614) 221-6986 or e-mail mjneiman@ccao.org.

