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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 1-5, 2008

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, HILTON WASHINGTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARCH 5, 2008

OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN BUILDING - ROOM B-369, WASHINGTON, D.C.

URGENT UPDATE

VOTING STUDY RELEASE CLAIMS SYSTEM IS VULNERABLE

Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner released the results of a review of Ohio's voting systems, which finds that Ohio's electronic voting systems have "critical security failures" which could impact the integrity of elections.

More information about this and a copy of her office's press release appears in today's issue of the CCAO Statehouse Report.

In addition, CCAO is mailing four hard copies of the report of findings to all boards of county commissioners.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2008 HOLIDAYS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

HOLIDAY	LEGAL HOLIDAY
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	January 21

President's Day	February 18
Memorial Day	May 26
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 1
Columbus Day	October 13
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 27
Christmas Day	December 25

STATE ACTIVITIES

OPINION SURVEY ON HIGHER EDUCATION; THE STATE OF OHIO WOULD LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK

The Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric Fingerhut needs your input as he begins work on a 10-year plan to develop a world - class system of higher education in Ohio. The Legislature and Governor Ted Strickland have charged the Chancellor with building a system designed to prepare all Ohioans for the 21st century and rival the nation in accountability and innovation.

The survey takes less than five minutes and is posted at www.universitysystem.ohio.gov/survey for your convenience. It contains questions asking for your views on college affordability, research, funding, accessibility, student success, opportunities, barriers and more. Survey deadline: December 31, 2007.

The plan is due to the Ohio General Assembly by March 31, 2008. It will contain goals, benchmarks and strategies for building our world class system. Your thoughts and opinions on the needs and strengths of higher education in Ohio will certainly help the Chancellor formulate the plan and move it forward.

The first step is to get *your* feedback. Please complete the brief survey BY December 31, 2007 so that your comments can be carefully considered.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT WITHDRAWN FROM FARM BILL

On December 13, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) withdrew the mandatory public safety collective bargaining legislation from the Farm Bill due to insufficient Senate votes to pass the amendment.

The Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (S. 2123) would federalize collective bargaining for public safety, police, fire, and EMS personnel throughout the country. It would give the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) the power to create and enforce collective bargaining guidelines for all states. S. 2123, offered as Amendment 3830 to the Farm Bill (H.R. 2419), would create collective bargaining for states that do not currently have collective bargaining. Also, it would require states that already have collective bargaining for public safety personnel to comply with the standards set out by the FLRA – standards that have not yet been created.

While the collective bargaining legislation will not be in the Farm Bill, NACo has learned about an attempt to get the legislation attached to the omnibus FY 2008

appropriations bill. Both NACo and the National Public Employer Labor Relations Association (NPELRA) worked to prevent passage of this unfunded mandate. For more information please contact Daria Daniel, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4212 or ddaniel@naco.org.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: STRENGTHEN THE VOICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The 110th Congress, Second Session will hit town next January and a great number of programs that assist counties will be under intense scrutiny. As a county official you need to know what this means for counties, what you can do about the issues, and how you can strengthen the voice of local government on Capitol Hill. With a philosophy of “those who show up decide,” you have a host of reasons to attend the NACo Legislative Conference!

The NACo Legislative Conference will be held March 1-5, 2008 at the Hilton Washington. Registration opened on Monday, November 26. **Register online at www.naco.org to save \$25.** Early bird registrations are due by January 18, 2008! Hotel rooms fill up fast, so register now for a room at or close to the conference headquarters hotel.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5 in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B369. More details to follow in future issues of CIDS.

For more information about the conference or the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 775-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

2008 ACTS OF CARING AWARDS

The National Association of Counties (NACo) 2008 Acts of Caring Awards will again present cash awards to the volunteer programs that win the Legacy Award

for Excellence, and Innovation and the Youth Service Award. The winner of the Legacy Award will receive \$1,500; the Youth Service Award winner will receive \$1,000.

An "act of caring" is a community service provided by a county-sponsored volunteer program that enhances or preserves the quality of life. Any county government that is a member of NACo with an active program that meets the contest criteria is eligible to participate. A county program that won an Acts of Caring Award in the past two years is not eligible in 2004.

The Acts of Caring Awards recognize the top county volunteer program in the country. The programs are honored for their community service and the legacy they provide for the future. This is the ninth year for this awards program. Awards will be presented during National County Government Week in Washington, D.C. in a Capitol Hill Ceremony.

Up to 18 programs will be recognized and deemed examples of outstanding Acts of Caring. Based on county size, as many as three programs will be recognized in each of the following six categories: community improvement, criminal justice/emergency management, elderly services, health services/social services, libraries, and program for children and youth.

Application deadline: **January 18, 2008**. For more information please contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222, tgoodman@naco.org or www.naco.org and click on the article in the center pane about the Acts of Caring Awards.

2008 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Begun in 1970, the Achievement Award Program promotes and recognizes innovative and successful programs that modernize and streamline county government and increase services to citizens. Last year eight Ohio

counties won 20 NACo Achievement Awards.

Programs in the following 21 categories can be submitted: Arts & Historic Preservation; Children & Youth; Civic Education and Public Information; Community/Economic Development; County Administration & Management; Court Administration & Management; Criminal Justice & Public Safety; Emergency Management & Response; Employment & Training (for county residents); Environmental Protection & Energy; Financial Management; Health; Human Services; Information Technology; Libraries; Parks & Recreation; Personnel Management, Employee Training & Employee Benefits (for county employees); Planning; Risk Management; Transportation; and Volunteers.

Applications must be postmarked by **February 15, 2008**. Send applications to: 2008 Achievement Awards, National Association of Counties, P.O. Box 79007, Baltimore, MD 21279-0007. For more information please contact Deseree Gardner, NACo Research Associate, at (202) 942-4228 or e-mail dgardner@naco.org or fax your application to the NACo Research Division at (202) 737-0480. Copies of the application may be obtained from the NACo website at www.naco.org.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING

Pursuant to House Bill 9 (126TH General Assembly), all elected officials or their designees are required to attend a three hour public records certification course. The Ohio Attorney General, by law, is required to provide the training for this course and the AG's office has scheduled numerous public records sessions throughout Ohio. To find a list of trainings being offered by the AG's office, please visit www.ag.state.oh.us/publicrecords/training.asp. If you wish to attend a training offered by the AG's office, you must register through the aforementioned webpage or by calling 1-877-AG-4-OHIO.

To supplement the training sites offered by the AG's office, a group of local government organizations, including CCAO, have scheduled additional regional

certified training opportunities. Two training opportunities will be offered each day to maximize the number of officials that may be trained. To register for the training dates listed below, please visit www.ohiotownships.org/records/publicrecordstraining.htm and fill out the on-line registration form. An e-mail address is required to register for these sessions, as a confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address provided. For more information about any of these training opportunities, please e-mail Heidi Fought, Director of Governmental Affairs, at the Ohio Township Association, at fought@ohiotownships.org.

December 17 - Brown County

Southern State Community College
12681 S.R. 62, Sardinia, OH 45171
(937) 695-0307
1st Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2nd Session - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 18 - Tuscarawas County

Kent State University Campus
330 University Dr. NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663-9403
(330) 339-3391
1st Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2nd Session - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 20 - Athens County

Nelsonville Public Library
95 W. Washington, Nelsonville, OH 45764
(740) 753-2118
1st Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2nd Session - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

ASSISTANT ENGINEER

The Logan County Engineer is currently accepting applications and resumes for the position of Assistant Engineer. This is a full-time opening requiring a minimum Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from an ABET accredited civil engineering program with an Engineer Intern designation and desire/ability to obtain a Professional Engineer (P.E.) and Professional Surveyor (P.S.) license and Commercial

Driver's License (CDL) Class B. Residency in Logan County is required within six months. A physical and drug screening is required.

The first two years of assignments will primarily be construction site inspections at two federal aid bridge projects. The successful candidate must be able to clearly communicate both verbally and in writing. Works under administrative direction, assists with management and technical operation of department; plans, designs, and directs civil engineering projects for bridge, ditch and highway maintenance and construction; directs work of employees and contractors to ensure compliance with plans, specifications and safety standards; analyzes reports, maps, drawings, blueprints, tests, and aerial photographs on soil composition, terrain, hydrological characteristics and other topographical and geologic data; conducts project cost analysis and feasibility studies; prepares and directs reports, designs, specifications, plans, construction schedules and environmental impact studies; inspects, directs, and monitors construction and maintenance activities at project sites; uses computer assisted engineering and design software/equipment; provides assistance to contractors, county officials and the public; supervises and may perform bridge and culvert inspections; updates bridge inventories for ODOT; and operates dump truck with snow plow attachment during ice/snow emergencies.

Compensation is commensurate with experience. A complete job description and application for employment is available by contacting the Logan County Engineer's Office. Deadline for submission of application and resume is **January 31, 2008** at 4:00 P.M. at the Logan County Engineer's office, 1991 County Road 13, P.O. 427, Bellefontaine, OH 43311, (937) 592-2791. EOE

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR(S)

The Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services is searching for an experienced professional for the following two upper level management position, as Children's Services Assistant Director: These positions report to the Director of the agency

and are responsible for leading the Senior Management Team of the Children's Services Division. The Children's Services Division is legally responsible for documenting reports of child abuse, neglect, related chemical dependency issues, and acting to protect child victims and children at risk of harm. Assistant Directors require a comprehensive knowledge of all program areas which includes Intake, Ongoing, Adoption, Clinical, and Foster Care. The Children's Services Division has over 500 employees and a budget of \$115.8M. The qualified applicant must possess management skills which enable him or her to utilize the Children's Services Division's human and financial resources to effectively coordinate the services provided by other community resources.

Position requires a Master's degree in a related field and five years of related direct service or administration experience. Hamilton County offers a highly competitive salary (\$76,222-\$111,666 annual) and excellent benefits package.

Reference Posting #253-07 when applying. You may apply in person or send your resume/application to the following address: Hamilton County Human Resources, County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, Room 707, Cincinnati, OH 45202. FAX to: (513) 946-4720. For a comprehensive job profile and to apply on-line visit: www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov. Application deadline: **January 31, 2008**. EOE

CHIEF DOG WARDEN

Responsible for the enforcement of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 955, and for supervising the operation of the Portage County Dog Shelter. Supervise the patrol of Portage County and seize and impound dogs. Assign job responsibilities to the Deputy Wardens and oversee the operation and maintenance of the Dog Shelter including setting daily work schedules, conducting periodic performance appraisals and disciplinary action when needed. Supervise record keeping of dogs, pays bills and invoices, issues purchase orders, completes and present annual budget to the Board of Commissioners.

High School education is required, along with three years of supervisory experience. Bachelor's degree is preferred. Graduation from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) or equivalent or completion of Level I and Level II Certification by the National Animal Control Association (NACA) is also required. Possession of a valid Ohio Euthanasia Technician Certificate within six months of employment. Must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and maintain continuing eligibility under the existing County driver eligibility standards. Must be bondable as prescribed in ORC § 955.12. Salary: \$35,880 to \$50,669 (DOQ).

Application deadline: **December 28, 2007**. Applications may be picked up at: Portage County Human Resources, 449 S. Meridian Street, or on-line at: www.co.portage.oh.us. EOE

HEALTH PLAN COORDINATOR/HEALTH PLAN SPECIALIST

Licking County Government is accepting applications for the following positions: Health Plan Coordinator and Health Plan Specialist.

Health Plan Coordinator (Full Time)

This position is responsible for administering/coordinating various benefit programs (medical, dental, life, vision, wellness, etc). Qualified applicants must possess a Bachelor's degree and two to four years related experience in benefits administration or equivalent combination of education and experience. CEBS certification and previous experience working with self-funded health plans, including plan design is preferred.

Health Plan Specialist (Part Time)

This individual will be responsible for providing a variety of administrative and clerical duties to support the delivery and processing of employee benefit programs. Qualified applicants must possess an Associates degree and one year related experience in benefits administration or human resources or equivalent combination of education and experience.

For detailed descriptions and salary information, please visit www.lcounty.com or the Licking County

Human Resources Department. Successful candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. Qualified candidates should submit a completed application to the Human Resources Department no later than **Monday, December 24, 2007**. Please identify the position when applying. Applications can be printed from the web site or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street - 3rd Floor, Newark, OH 43055. EOE

GIS Technician II

The Knox County Engineer is seeking a full-time GIS Technician II to maintain GIS data, tax map records, and to ensure compliance with state/county surveying standards. The incumbent must be proficient in ArcGIS, Arcview, or equivalent software; able to interpret real estate deed legal descriptions; and must be highly detail oriented.

Applicants must have completed a minimum of Associate degree with emphasis on GIS coursework and four years experience. A Bachelor's and two years work experience is preferred. Compensation is commensurate with education and training; full benefits package included.

Position description and application are available on the County's website, www.co.knox.oh.us under County Jobs; can be obtained by contacting epmarth@ecr.net; or at 117 East High Street, Suite 161 in Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Completed applications with attached resumes must be returned to the above address on or before **December 21, 2007**.

PLANNING DIRECTOR

The Henry County Planning Commission seeks interested candidates for the position of planning director. The planning director provides information, analysis, direction, and leadership to the Planning Commission involving a variety of land use, subdivision, zoning, development and water/sewer issues. This position requires a qualified individual to administer and enforce subdivision and special flood hazard regulations; provide zoning technical

assistance to townships; coordinate and assist in the administration of the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC); serve as facilitator to the Henry County Regional Water & Sewer District; provide on-going technical support and implementation of the county comprehensive plan; and maintain and update a comprehensive technical mapping database (i.e., ArcView GIS).

Minimum qualifications include: a bachelor's degree in planning or other related field; two years professional planning experience; basic computer knowledge in Microsoft Windows operating system and related programs; ability to effectively perform verbal and written communication; proficient in undertaking multiple tasks and responsibilities; and capability to be self-efficient and self-motivated.

Salary range: \$35,000 to \$40,000. Deadline for receiving resumes is **December 20, 2007**. Applicants may email resumes to hencopc@bright.net, or mail or fax resumes to: Henry County Planning Commission, 660 North Perry Street, Napoleon, OH, 43545, fax: (419) 592-5508, phone: (419) 592-2976. EOE

REGISTERED SANITARIAN OR SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING

Crawford County General Health District has a position open for a full time Registered Sanitarian or Sanitarian-in-Training. All applicants need to have a Bachelors degree or higher in a science related field. Applicants must have their own vehicle to use and a valid driver's license.

Applicants must possess good technical abilities, be highly motivated and an independent worker. Applicants must have good verbal and written communication skills. This position may be required to work a flexible schedule, including evenings, weekends, and be willing to travel within and outside the county. May occasionally work in unsanitary conditions or outdoors during inclement weather.

Salary will be based on experience. All interested applicants are to submit their resumé to the following address by **December 20, 2007**: Crawford County General Health District, Attn: W. Scott Kibler, M.A., Health Commissioner, 130 N. Walnut St., Suite B, Bucyrus, OH 44820. EOE