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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 25, 2008	CCA O PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCA O OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 25, 2008	CCC/ESAO NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING, HENRY'S RESTAURANT, HARDIN COUNTY (KENTON)
MAY 5, 2008	SE OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, MUSKINGUM COUNTY, (ZANESVILLE)
MAY 9, 2008	CCC/ESAO NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING, UPSTAIRS RESTAURANT, MAHONING COUNTY (YOUNGSTOWN)
MAY 9, 2008	CCA O/CEBCO RX TREND SEMINAR, HAYES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
JUNE 8-10, 2008	CCA O/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, RENAISSANCE QUAIL HOLLOW, LAKE COUNTY (PAINESVILLE)
JUNE 20, 2008	CCA O WORKERS' COMPENSATION ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS
JULY 11-15, 2008	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JACKSON COUNTY (KANSAS CITY), MISSOURI (WWW.NACO.ORG)
AUGUST 19-20, 2008	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
AUGUST 29, 2008	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCA O/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE: A GREAT "LAKE" EXPERIENCE

Join Lake County Commissioners Robert Aufuldish, Raymond Sines, and Daniel Troy and County Engineer James Gills for the 128th CCA O/CEAO Annual Summer Conference to be held June 8-10,

2008 at the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort, 11080 Hamden-Concord Road, in Concord.

Geographically, Lake County is the smallest of Ohio's 88 counties with magnificent coastal and country vistas. Some of the most unique features are the 31 miles of shoreline and two major rivers flowing through the county that provide harbors and marinas for shipping and superb recreational

opportunities. Large national and regional companies call Lake County home. International business prospers with access to air and water transportation and the wine industry thrive in fertile soil and the ideal climate for grape production.

SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE EVENTS

Sunday, June 8

THE VINEYARD EXPERIENCE AT CHALET DEBONNÉ

Lake County's vineyard region has been compared to California's Sonoma Valley. The 100-acre vineyard Chalet Debonné (www.debonne.com) is Ohio's largest estate winery - growing its own grapes for fermentation. A 2001 *Wall Street Journal* article noted two of Chalet Debonné wines winning national awards. Join CCAO/CEAO for the Vineyard Experience at Chalet Debonné for dinner, wine tasting, winery tours, and hayrides! Suggested attire: casual and comfortable. Buses will depart from the hotels at 5:30 p.m. and return at the conclusion of the event. A ticket to this event is included with the full conference and spouse registrations.

Monday, June 9

SPOUSE/GUEST ACTIVITY: DISCOVER YOUR PLACE IN NATURE

Holden Arboretum - Established in 1931, the Holden Arboretum is one of the country's largest arboreta. Unique plants found in the gardens and collections and a guided walking highlights tour will be presented.

Rider's Inn – Rich in the tradition of the Western Reserve, Rider's Inn has provided food and shelter on the "rough-and-tumble" stagecoach route from Buffalo to Cleveland since 1812. Years later, it became stop on the Underground Railroad and a retreat for returned Civil War soldiers.

Headlands Dunes & Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserves – Enjoy a scenic, largest natural beach on Lake Erie at Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve with many rare and unusual Atlantic coastal plain plants and a good site for migrating birds. Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1966

and occupies an ancient abandoned channel of the Grand River. Suggested attire: casual clothing and comfortable shoes...and bring flip-flops if you want to stroll on the beach. The bus will depart from the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort at 9:30 a.m. and the Baymont Inn & Suites at 9:40 a.m.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 8 or Tuesday, June 10

CHARTER BOAT FISHING

Fish Lake County's Lake Erie Central Basin, teaming with trophy walleye and the bonus fish - steelhead trout! Lake Erie's east waters run deep with the larger fish migrating to Lake County's deeper, cooler waters. You will fish by trolling, not casting. Charter fishing fees: \$600 - full day on Sunday (6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) or \$470 - half day on Tuesday (3:00 - 8:00 p.m.). Executive charters include six participants. Beverages, sandwiches, and fishing gear are provided. Participants must have a 2008 Ohio fishing license (no license sales are available on boats). Suggested attire: tennis or boat shoes, proper clothing, sunscreen, and anti-motion medicine!

Two charter boats will be reserved until **May 1, 2008**. Register NOW! Reservations are required in advance. Transportation will not be provided to the marina. For more information, contact Dee Bickers, CEO Office Manager, at (614) 221-0707 or dbickers@ceao.org.

Sunday, June 8

GOLF AT QUAIL HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB

Tee times are available on Sunday, June 8 starting at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 12:40 p.m. or Tuesday, June 10 starting at 2:13 p.m. and ending at 2:48 p.m. at the Quail Hollow Country Club, located adjacent to the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort. The Par 71 /6900 yard layout course, design by Tom Weiskopf, has been voted the "9th Best New Upscale Course" by *Golf Digest* and "Top 100 Places You Can Play" by *Golf Magazine*. Greens fees: \$ 69 (includes 18 holes and shared cart). Tee time reservations are required in advance. For more information, contact Tanya Wilcox, CCAO Admin. Asst., (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, or twilcox@ccao.org.

MUSKINGUM COUNTY TO HOST SE
COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS DISTRICT
MEETING – MAY 5

Monday, June 9 & Tuesday, June 10 – 7:05 p.m.
**LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS V. DELMARVA
SHOREBIRDS**

Cheer the Lake County Captains (www.captainsbaseball.com) to victory as they play the Delmarva Shorebirds on either Monday, June 9 or Tuesday, June 10 at 7:05 p.m. The Captains, a Class A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, play at Classic Park - a \$27 million state-of-the-art, smaller version of the Cleveland Indians Progressive Field. An affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, the Delmarva Shorebirds are located in Salisbury, Maryland. Conference registrants may pick up ticket vouchers to the game at the Lake County Visitors Bureau table located at the Renaissance Quail Hollow. Redeem vouchers at Classic Park for tickets to the game. Tickets are sponsored by the Lake County Visitors Bureau (www.lakevisit.com). Transportation will not be provided to the game.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration and all conference educational sessions will be held at the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort. There will be no trade show at the summer conference. The Tuesday afternoon off-site tour leaves at 1:45 p.m. for the Lakeview Bluffs Redevelopment. Space is limited.

Hotel Rooms: Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort, 11080 Concord-Hambden Road, Concord, OH 44077, (440) 497-1100. Room rate: \$119 single/double. Rooms are also available at the **Baymont Inn & Suites**, 7581 Auburn Road, Concord, OH 44077, (440) 579-0300. Room rate: \$109 single/double. Reservation cut off date: **May 18, 2008.**

For more information: Registration – Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, (614) 220-7986, (888) 757-1904, or jerwin@ccao.org;
Sponsorship & Hospitality Suites – Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards Liaison, (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, or kathydillon@ccao.org.

Join Muskingum County Commissioners Brian Hill, Dorothy Montgomery, and John Bates and County Engineer Douglas Davis for the Southeast Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association quarterly meeting on Monday, May 5. Registration, lunch, dinner, and meeting will be held at The Zanesville Country Club, 1300 Country Club Drive, in Zanesville. The following activities are available:

- 9:00-10:30 a.m. – **Golf Tee Times** – Zanesville County Club. Greens fees: \$65 for 18 holes and \$15 for a cart.
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon - **John & Annie Glenn Museum** – Tour the restored boyhood home of Astronaut/U.S. Senator John Glenn located in New Concord. Museum tour: \$5.00.
- 1:30-3:45 p.m. – **East Pointe Industrial Park** – View current businesses and a portion of job ready sites, and **Hartstone Pottery** – Home of one of America's richest pottery traditions where handcrafted and decorated ceramic products are made.

Registration fee: \$45.00 (includes lunch, afternoon tours & transportation, and dinner). Deadline: April 21, 2008. The business meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Muskingum County Commissioner's Office, 401 Main Street, Zanesville, OH 43701, or (740) 455-7100 or commissionrs@muskingumcounty.org.

WHICH WORKERS' COMP MANAGED CARE
ORGANIZATION IS RIGHT FOR YOU? – GET
READY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT – MAY 5-30

The 2008 Open Enrollment period is upon us! Once again, Ohio employers will have the opportunity to select the managed care organization (MCO) they want to handle their workers' compensation claims for the next two years. Counties can expect a marketing blitz as companies compete for their business. **If you are satisfied with your current MCO, you do not need to do anything to continue with that**

company. Open Enrollment dates are May 5 - May 30, so it is important for counties to take the time now to assess managed care organizations. Managed care organization programs could save a county thousands of dollars.

Here are some key questions to consider in evaluating your MCO options:

- Does the organization provide and quantify significant medical savings?
- Do they have a strong return to work rate which ensures your employees are returning to the job in a safe, quick, and effective manner?
- Do they provide personal service including dedicated account executives and nurse case managers, quarterly meetings, on-site nurses, regional workshops, and workers' compensation program assessments?
- Do they have a full-time medical director on staff to provide services including availability at workshops, training, claim staffing, provider communication and partnership planning?
- Is the organization committed to online services by providing sophisticated clinical editing and bill review platforms, full imaging/scanning services, and 24 hour real time online access to your claim status, diagnosis, medical information, staff notes and medical documents?

Taking the extra step to assess these factors can result in significant savings in the next two years.

CCAO endorses **CompManagement Health Systems (CHS) as our preferred MCO partner.** CHS is available at (888) 247-7799, press option 1; or contact Beth Miller, CORSA Claim & Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989, (888) 757-1904, or emiller@ccao.org if you have any questions.

CCAO/CEBCO RX TREND SEMINAR – MAY 9

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the "RX Trend Seminar," sponsored by CCAO and the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO), on Friday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hayes Administration Building, 140 North Sandusky

Street – Room G-35, in Delaware County (Delaware).

Prescription drug benefit designs in the group insurance market change frequently. It is hard to tell what, if anything, is working to control prescription drug costs. Caremark will discuss trends in the industry. Other topics presented include benefit design trends, drug utilization review, and new trends in the delivery of prescription drug benefits.

Lunch will be served. There is no charge to attend the seminar, which is open to all counties. Registration deadline: **April 28, 2008.** To register, please complete the registration form that is attached to this issue of CIDS or contact Melissa Bodey, CEBCO Benefits Specialist, CCAO, 37 West Broad Street – Suite 650, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 220-7997, fax (514) 229-4588, or mbodey@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO FORECLOSURE FILINGS ROSE 6.7 PERCENT IN 2007; CUYAHOGA COUNTY AGAIN RANKS FIRST IN RATE

Ohio foreclosure filings grew by 6.7 percent last year, according to a study issued last week by Policy Matters Ohio. Overall, including filings in both state and federal courts, there were 84,751 new foreclosure filings in 2007, up from 79,435 in 2006. The latest numbers indicate that there was one foreclosure filing for every 60 housing units in the state last year.

The gain is smaller than the big jump in filings in 2006, but comes after years of increased filings, according to the study. Filings grew by double-digit rates in 39 of Ohio's 88 counties in 2007, and statewide, they have more than quintupled since 1995.

Cuyahoga County led the state once again in foreclosure filings per person, followed by Montgomery, Summit and Lucas counties. Franklin County dropped one notch from the year before, to sixth. Most of the top ten counties with the highest rates were on the same list a year earlier; the exceptions were two counties in southwest Ohio,

Preble (5) and Butler (10). Holmes County led the state in foreclosure-filing growth between 2006 and 2007.

Foreclosure filings continue to be most heavily concentrated in the state's urban counties. However, 2007 filing growth in Ohio's 10 biggest counties taken together was less than half that of the combined 78 other counties in the state. Suburban counties such as Delaware, Lake, and Warren outpaced their urban neighbors in filing growth last year. Altogether, 73 counties saw an increase in filings over the year before, and 14 saw growth of more than 20 percent. All but a dozen Ohio counties have seen at least a quadrupling in the number of foreclosure filings since 1995.

Policy Matters Ohio is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research institute with offices in Cleveland and Columbus. For more information please contact Zach Schiller, Research Director, Policy Matters Ohio at (216) 361-9801 or zschiller@policymattersohio.org. To read a copy of the report go to www.policymattersohio.org/ForeclosureGrowthOhio2008.htm.

BENEFIT BANK ASSISTS OHIOANS IN CLAIMING ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENT THROUGH OCTOBER 15

This week, Governor Ted Strickland announced that the Ohio Benefit Bank is offering an online service that could help at least 640,000 eligible senior, veteran and disabled Ohioans claim an economic stimulus tax rebate through October 15, without having to file for an extension. The economic stimulus filing program is available at www.OBB.Ohio.Gov, at the link for the free tax preparation service.

The service is available to individuals who typically are not required to file annual federal income tax returns because they receive non-taxable income such as Social Security. Only those Ohioans who did not file their 2007 federal income tax returns can benefit from the Benefit Bank's tax rebate service. Anyone who has already filed a federal tax return, including those who were not required to, will receive the stimulus payment automatically if they are eligible.

To qualify for the economic stimulus rebate, individuals must have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income – such as wages, Social Security, railroad retirement benefits, veterans' pension and benefits, and non-taxable combat pay – for 2007 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on anyone else's 2007 tax return.

The Ohio Benefit Bank is a web-based computer program to connect low- and moderate-income Ohioans with access to public benefits as well as free tax preparation services. The Benefit Bank is offered through a public-private partnership between the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks and more than 400 faith-based, non-profit, governmental and private-sector partners.

CITIZENS' SYMPOSIUMS FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCES ON NATIONAL ISSUES AGENDA

Dr. Vernon Lucas Albright author of *Winning the White House in 2008* will be hosting the first and only "Presidential Preferences and National Issues Town Meeting and Symposium" at the Port Clinton High School – Performing Arts Center, 821 South Jefferson Street, in Ottawa County (Port Clinton) on April 25, 26, & 27, 2008.

This is a bipartisan symposium with over 600 delegates' statewide. As an integral part of the symposium, Dr. Albright needs 26 (13 Republican and 13 Democrat) county commissioners from five geographic areas: northwest, northeast, southwest, southeast, and central Ohio to participate as delegates. Ottawa County encourages your participation.

For more information and the daily agenda go to www.primaryvoices.com. To register please contact: Vernon Lucas Albright or Mary Helen Albright at (773) 547-2574.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HOUSING STIMULUS BILL PASSED IN THE SENATE

The U.S. Senate passed a bill last week aimed at addressing issues arising out of the nation's mounting mortgage crisis. The Senate passed S. Amend. 4387 to HR 3221 on an 84-12 vote, with all dissenters being Republican members. The bill is a carefully negotiated, industry-oriented package designed to be a first step in congressional actions on the issue. The legislation chiefly benefits the homebuilding industry, providing \$6 billion in tax rebates for developers. In a win for local governments, the bill also includes language to include \$4 billion for the Community Development Block Grant Program to assist communities in buying foreclosed properties.

The bill provides an additional \$150 million for housing counseling, \$10 billion in new authority under the federal Mortgage Revenue Bond Program, and language to permanently increase the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) mortgage insurance program loan limits as well as its down payment assistance requirements. The bill will now go to the House for consideration. Democratic House and Senate leaders plan to continue to push for an expansion of assistance to troubled homeowners. In the meantime, the White House again expressed its opposition to the Senate bill. However, the Administration moved to expand its FHA-Secure homeowner assistance program by adding additional flexibility for FHA to assist struggling homeowners. The program added some additional criteria to reach more homeowners. The policy change was announced by FHA Commissioner Brian Montgomery at a House Financial Services hearing this week. (Contact: Cassandra Duhaney, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4204 or cduhaney@naco.org)

BRAND TESTIFIES IN SENATE THAT CLEAN WATER RESTORATION ACT RAISES MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

Madison County Engineer David Brand joined the nation's counties and county engineers to testify a Senate committee that proposed legislation to

enhance the Clean Water Act (CWA) would in fact result in significant unintended consequences for communities, increased costs, and would do little to improve the protection the country's precious water resources.

Brand testified before the Environment and Public Works Committee, chaired by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), on behalf of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Engineers (NACE). The committee is considering S.1870 - The Clean Water Restoration Act (CWRA) to expand the reach of the CWA by removing the word "navigable" from the definition of waters of the United States under the law's jurisdiction.

Brand said that counties "fully support the Clean Water Act" and noted the important role counties play in implementing it as partners with federal and state governments. However, Brand said, removing the word "navigable" from the definition in the new bill will have "expensive, far-reaching and unintended consequences" for counties. "Counties are responsible for a wide range of activities designed to protect the health and well-being of their citizens," Brand said. "It is very likely that Clean Water Restoration Act may preempt some of these ingrained local land use decisions."

The bill would affect counties on many different levels, Brand said, especially through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 404 permit program. He told the committee that counties are responsible for a number of manmade ditches, such as culverts, storm channels and road-side ditches and face tremendous challenges getting federal permits approved in a timely manner.

Brand noted that state and federal money is sometimes tied to county road projects. "If a project is delayed due to delayed 404 permit approval, the county faces losing much needed money to complete a road project or at the very least yearly cost increases currently averaging 10 percent per year. Additionally, the dollars associated with getting these permits can be costly, especially for a rural county who does not have the manpower, expertise, or the resources." Brand said that the nation's counties recognize that the current system far from ideal.

“Our counties would like to have certainty in the jurisdictional process and overall in the Clean Water Act,” he said. “However, we also recognize that a one-size-fits-all system will not work. Geographical features differ widely across this nation. Any federal plan needs to take into account these regional differences and plan accordingly with flexibility. Unfortunately, this bill as written does not bring us any closer to the goal of clean water.” To read a complete copy of the testimony go to www.naco.org. Click on News Room>Media Center>New Releases (view more) 4/9/08.

MEDICAID MORATORIA BILL ADVANCES TO HOUSE FLOOR BILL FACES POSSIBLE REPUBLICAN OPPOSITION IN SENATE

A bill that would place a moratorium on seven administration-proposed Medicaid regulations was voted out of the full House Energy and Commerce Committee on Wednesday and will be scheduled for a House floor vote. The bill, the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008 (H.R. 5613), passed by a vote of 46-0.

Despite ranking member Joe Barton’s (R-TX) statement in the Health Subcommittee markup last week that he was “reasonably confident” President Bush would not veto the legislation. HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt sent a letter this last Tuesday to the committee threatening a veto. In a recently issued statement, Barton claimed that “there is good reason this bill has received broad, unanimous, bipartisan support,” and that he would support an override of a veto. On the Senate side, however, Senate Finance ranking member Charles Grassley (R-IA) has not been supportive of the moratoria, and has urged members to work on fixing the regulations, rather than delaying them.

In addition to the amendment accepted last week, which provided for an offset in the legislation’s cost, the final bill contains an amendment Chairman John Dingell (D-MI) offered on Wednesday. Committee members rejected or withdrew several Republican amendments, although Dingell promised to continue working with colleagues across the aisle to address lingering concerns.

Supporters of the bill maintain that the CMS regulations would cut about \$50 billion from state

Medicaid services at a time when most states are already facing budget shortfalls. The National Governors Association, state Medicaid directors, and a wide range of human services providers have all offered strong support for the legislation.

If passed by the full House, differences between the bill and a Senate companion will still need to be ironed out. Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) introduced the Senate’s version of the bill, the Economic Recovery in Health Care Act of 2008 (S. 2819), in the beginning of April; the bill contains the same moratoria provisions as the House version, as well a targeted state fiscal relief package. In an Alliance for Children and Families-sponsored call yesterday between Montana child welfare providers and the office of Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT), Baucus’s staff indicated the Senate was waiting for the full House vote before taking any action. For more information, contact Varina Winder, Policy Analyst, Alliance for Children and Families, United Neighborhood Centers of America, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW - Suite 601, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 429-0400 x 16, fax (202) 429-0178, or vwinder@alliance1.org with any questions.

NACo ACTIVITIES

STAPLEY TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2008-2009

Maricopa County (AZ) Supervisor and NACo President-Elect Don Stapley will be considering the following appointments to his 2008-2009 Leadership Team in early May.

- **Steering Committee Leadership** – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair, vice-chairs, subcommittee chairs, and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. **This does not include steering committee membership nominations. CCAO will process nominations in early June.**
- **Caucus Leadership** – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus and Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committees chair and vice-chairs.

Active members of the steering committees are given first preference.

- **At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors** – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board.
- **Standing Committees** – Four committees (i.e., Finance, Information Technology, Member Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)
- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Six committees (i.e., Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee – three-year term, NACo/Financial Services Corporation Board of Directors – three-year term, NACo/Financial Services Center Advisory Committee – one-year term, Arts and Culture Commission – one-year term, Sustainability Leadership Team – one-year term, and Geospatial Information Systems Committee – one-year term).

The application is available online at www.naco.org. Click on About NACo>Committees and Caucuses>Presidential Appointment. **Application deadline: May 11, 2008.** If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

CONFERENCES

CIVIL SERVICE LAW SEMINARS

The law offices of Downes, Hurst & Fishel LLP will present two “Civil Service Law Seminars” on the following dates:

- **April 29, 2008** – Rocky River City Hall (Memorial Hall), 21016 Hilliard Blvd., in Rocky River and
- **May 21, 2008** – Columbus Police Training Academy, 1000 North Hague Avenue, in Columbus.

Topics to be discussed at each seminar include classified/unclassified positions, testing for merit and fitness, layoff and job abolishment, discipline and termination. Registration fee: \$150 (includes lunch and conference materials).

For registration information please contact Bonni Auteri, Downes, Hurst & Fishel LLP, 400 South Fifth Street – Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 221-1216 or bauteri@dhflaw.com.

HUMAN RESOURCE INSTITUTE

The 14th Annual Ohio University Human Resource Institute will be held on Friday, May 9, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ohio University – Zanesville Campus, 1425 Newark Road, in Zanesville. The conference theme is “Elect to be a Leader in Human Resources.”

Registration fee: \$74 - single registration, \$55 - two or more from same organization, or \$20 – single session. For more information, please contact Human Resource Institute, Ohio University-Zanesville, 1425 Newark Road, Zanesville, OH 43701-2624, (740) 588-1402, or www.zanesville.ohiou.edu.

CLASSIFIEDS

UTILITIES CHIEF OPERATOR

Clark County seeks a Chief Operator to oversee operation and maintenance of all water and wastewater treatment plants within its jurisdiction. Responsibilities include staff supervision, operational control of the treatment facilities, reporting to regulatory agencies, after-hours emergency response, and routine and preventive maintenance.

Requirements: High school graduate or equivalent; Associates degree or higher, with emphasis in science or technology is preferred; six years experience operating a treatment plant with one year at supervisory level; a valid Ohio Class 3 Wastewater certification; a valid Ohio Class 1 Water Supply certification, or obtain within six (6) months of hire; a valid Ohio driver's license and automobile insurance. For detailed information http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job_openings.htm. Deadline: **May 2, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.** EOE/ADA/VH.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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