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AUGUST 29, 2008	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2008	CCAO HUMAN SERVICE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008	CCAO FISCAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2008	YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR INTERACTION WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, RENAISSANCE CLEVELAND HOTEL, CLEVELAND
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008	CCC/ESAO SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING, THE INN AT HOCKING COLLEGE, ATHENS COUNTY (NELSONVILLE)
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008	CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 24, 2008	CCC/ESAO SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING, SPRINVIEW GOVERNMENT CENTER, CLARK COUNTY (SPRINGFIELD)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW PROGRAM FOR COUNTIES – CCAO EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION

In response to members' requests, the CCAO Board has approved a new program which will provide service and savings for counties – the CCAO Excess Workers' Compensation Program. This program will combine high quality claims administration services with competitively priced

excess coverage for counties choosing to self insure their workers' comp. CompManagement, Inc. and Excess Comp Specialists join CCAO as partners in this new program.

CompManagement, Inc. is currently the workers' comp third party administrator (TPA) for 73 of Ohio's 88 counties. We have asked CompManagement to join us in the new CCAO Excess Workers' Comp Program to provide claims administration services for counties choosing to

self-insure their workers' comp. For excess insurance coverage, we have partnered with Excess Comp Specialists (ECS). Jim Arnold, ECS principal, and his company have over 30 years experience placing excess workers comp coverage and will provide our program with access to the most secure and competitive markets for the benefit of our members.

Generally, a county with strong financials (audit results, bond rating, etc.) and more than 400 employees can consider self-insuring workers' comp. The CCAO Excess Workers Comp Program will assist counties in evaluating self-insurance, provide high quality claims administration services and competitively priced excess coverage. The process begins with a feasibility study prepared by CompManagement. We can then assist counties in obtaining BWC approval, obtaining excess insurance and implementing their self-insured program.

Look for a session at the Winter Conference on self insuring workers' comp and the CCAO Excess Workers Comp Program.

For more information on this program contact Beth Miller in the CCAO office at (614) 220-7989. emiller@ccao.org

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The CCAO Board of Trustees approved the appointment of a five-member nominating committee at the August 19, meeting of the CCAO Board of Trustees, which was held in Ross County (Chillicothe).

The Committee, appointed by CCAO President Daniel Troy, will be chaired by Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner. Other members include:

- Joe Moroski, Ashtabula County
- David Pepper, Hamilton County
- Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County
- Tim Brown, Wood County

It is the responsibility of the committee to recommend a slate of officers and board members to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting on

Tuesday, December 9, 2008, during the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The committee will be nominating candidates for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, seven members will be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees for two-year terms. The Nominating Committee will also fill any vacancies that may exist where members elected to a two-year term will not be returning to office or where a member forfeits office for non-attendance. The seven members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: David Dhume, (Madison), Ray Feikert (Holmes), Gerald Potter (Hardin), Peter Lawson Jones (Cuyahoga), Nancy McKeen (Erie), Mary Walker (Clermont), and Ron Widener (Miami).

The nine members appointed by President Troy whose one year term to the Board expires at the end of this year include: Mike Crabtree (Scioto), Brian Hill (Muskingum), Ben Konop (Lucas), Edward Kuenzli (Wyandot), Cheryl Noah (Wayne), Margery Paeltz (Brown), Gary Starner (Hocking), Roger Tackett (Clark) and Dan Polivka (Trumbull).

In accordance with the CCAO Bylaws, the six most recent past presidents who still hold the office of County Commissioner are entitled to a seat on the Board of Trustees. In 2009 those individuals will include: Bob Corbett (Champaign), Lenny Eliason (Athens), Patricia Geissman (Medina), Olen Jackson (Morrow), and Daniel Troy (Lake).

The committee must make its recommendations no later than November 3. The report will then be published in CIDS, and an individual copy of its report will be sent to each commissioner.

On September 19, CCAO will send to all commissioners at their home addresses an application form to express interest to become an officer or a member of the CCAO Board. A CCAO Nominating Candidate Questionnaire will also be included.

Both forms must be returned not later than November 3 to the committee chair: Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner, 80 North Walnut Street, Suite A, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338. In addition, **mail a copy to CCAO, 37 W. Broad Street, Suite**

650, Columbus, Ohio 43215, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ATTENTION: KATHY DILLON

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Olen Jackson at (419) 947-4085, or call CCAO Executive Director Larry Long at (614) 221-5627.

2008 CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Over the past five years, the County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Secretaries Association of Ohio (CCC/ESAO), CCAO's first and oldest affiliate organization, have held a series of very successful regional meetings around the state. The purpose of these meetings is for CCC/ESAO members to share their knowledge with other clerks and secretaries that are unable to attend conferences and workshops.

These informal meetings are open to all commissioners' clerks, deputies, engineers' secretaries, or administrative assistants to discuss various topics of concern in your county. Please plan to attend one of the final two regional meetings. The meeting topics are tailored to meet the needs of each district. All meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch will be sponsored by CCAO/CEAO. **The CCAO Board of Trustees encourages all county commissioners to permit their clerks and other office support staff to attend one of the following meetings.**

<p>SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 – SOUTHEAST REGION – ATHENS COUNTY</p> <p>LOCATION: The Inn at Hocking College, 15770 State Route 691, Athens County (Nelsonville)</p> <p>For more information, please contact CCC/ESAO SE District Representative Crystal Digenova, Administrative Assistant, Tuscarawas County Commissioners, at (330) 365-3240 or commissioners@co.tuscarawas.oh.us.</p>
<p>OCTOBER 24, 2008 – SOUTHWEST REGION – CLARK COUNTY</p> <p>LOCATION: Springview Government Center, 3130 East Main Street, Clark County (Springfield)</p>

<p>For more information, please contact CCC/ESAO SW District Representative Dianna Harris, Administrative Assistant, Montgomery County Engineer's Office, at (937) 225-4904 or harrisd@mcoho.org.</p>
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For more information, please contact the 2008 CCC/ESAO President Susan Schmunk, Administrative Assistant, Williams County Engineer's Office, (419) 636-2454 or sschmunk@wmsco.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

NIMS GUIDANCE AVAILABLE

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a standardized framework for federal, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and private sector incident management organizations to effectively manage domestic incidents - regardless of cause, size or complexity. This single, comprehensive system is constantly being developed and strengthened by input from public safety stakeholders across the nation. Through its incorporation into planning, training and exercises across disciplines and jurisdictional boundaries, the system will support our ability to work seamlessly together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents.

The U.S. DHS National Integration Center recently issued the NIMS Compliance Objectives and Metrics for federal fiscal year 2008. As in previous years, the Ohio NIMS Senior Advisory Committee has reviewed the federal documents and produced guidance intended to assist all Ohio NIMS stakeholders in assess and reporting NIMS compliance. Federal preparedness funding, on which many programs and departments depend, is contingent upon maintaining NIMS compliance.

The Ohio NIMS Implementation Guidance is available at www.ema.ohio.gov/nims.asp.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES FARM PESTICIDE DISPOSAL COLLECTION

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will sponsor a farm pesticide disposal drop-off on September 3 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 650 North County Road 25-A, Troy. The event will be held at the fairground's grandstands.

The pesticide collection and disposal service is free of charge, but only farm chemicals will be accepted. Paint, antifreeze, solvents, and household and non-farm pesticides will not be accepted.

This collection is one of three being held throughout the state. The pesticide collections are sponsored by the department in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. To pre-register, or for more information, contact the ODA Pesticide Section at (800) 282-1955 extension 31.

More than one million pounds of pesticides have been collected since the Clean Sweep Program began in 1993. More than 35,000 pounds were collected in 2007.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

CHANGES PROPOSED TO AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

On Tuesday, June 17, a Notice of Proposed rulemaking to amend the current Americans with Disabilities Act was published in the Federal Register. The amendments would change the original act, signed into law by President George H. W. Bush, to clarify certain parts of the original act and to change certain provisions so that persons with disabilities (PWD) would be better integrated into the mainstream of society.

An entire section of the proposed rule changes concerns state and local governments: Part II of the act, Subparts A, B, D and E, which specifically prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in state and local government services and Part III of the act, which specifically prohibits discrimination by public accommodations and commercial facilities.

The federal government predicts that full compliance with these new regulations may cost up to \$23 billion.

Among the concerns voiced by the writers of these new amendments is the integration of persons with disabilities into the mainstream of activities carried on by these public entities. Under the original legislation, local governments were allowed to use alternative options that made a program, when viewed in its entirety, accessible to persons with disabilities. The proposed requirements represent “an effort to ensure that individuals with disabilities are able to participate in programs in an integrated setting...”

Primary among the issues discussed in what amounts to a very lengthy introduction, is compliance with the International Building Codes (IBC), which in many cases have identical specifications with the Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) promulgated in 2004. The 2006 amendments to IBC base a number of its changes on the ADAAG. There are 46 states and the District of Columbia that have adopted the IBC.

Four states, Mississippi, Delaware, Illinois and Colorado make adoption of the IBC by local governments voluntary, but the majority has adopted them. If local jurisdictions are indeed complying with the IBC in new construction and renovation, compliance with these new regulations may not be as costly as previously projected.

Areas where changes are being proposed

The Department of Justice, in an effort at clarification, has spent a considerable amount of time expanding and explaining definitions that are relevant to the act.

Among the definitions that have been changed:

- Person with covered disability — Amendments would change the definition of a person with disabilities (PWD) from being someone whose disability “substantially limits” his or her ability to participate in various activities to one that “materially restricts” that ability.

- **Service Animal** — The new definition attempts to eliminate all wild animals from coverage and include only those animals that can perform a task that assists the PWD. The new definition attempts to exclude coverage to all animals that provide comfort or some other service that is unrelated to assisting the person. It also includes a new discussion of when a service animal must be accommodated and allowed access to a facility.
- **Wheelchair** — and other manually powered mobility aides designed specifically for use by the disabled. Currently, must be accommodated in any areas open to pedestrians
- **Mobility Devices** — Attempts to provide information about when power-driven mobility devices must be accommodated by public entities, includes discussion of Segways, as mobility devices not primarily developed for PWDs but often used by them.
- **Video Interpreting Services** — A new definition that includes the technology of a videophone, video monitors, cameras, high-speed Internet connection and an interpreter.

Safe Harbor for local governments

The Safe Harbor Provision is a proposal that would clarify that any public entity that has previously brought existing facilities into compliance under early ADA standards is not required to modify those elements to meet small changes in the standards that have been made since the adoption of the 2004 ADAAG. The public entity would only be required to modify elements to comply with the proposed standards if the local government is independently planning an alteration that is not designed to fulfill compliance with ADA and its program accessibility obligations.

Specifically, the proposed Safe Harbor would operate only with respect to elements that are in compliance with the scoping and technical specifications in either the 1991 Standards or the UFAS, (Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards).

Program accessibility expansion proposals

- **Playgrounds and existing recreational facilities** — this includes regular playgrounds, swimming pools, boating facilities and golf courses. DOJ is soliciting information about compliance with the accessibility requirements for these facilities.
- **Housing at a Place of Education** — proposing a new section that provides that residence halls or dormitories operated by or on behalf of places of education shall comply with the provisions of the proposed standards for transient lodging. DOJ seeks guidance on how to scope school dormitories.
- **Assembly Areas** — proposing a new section to add five new requirements. This section would require that wheelchair and companion seating be dispersed at various pricing and seating levels throughout an arena. Seating cannot be on a temporary platform or other moveable structure. Facilities with more than 5,000 seats would be required to provide five wheelchair locations with three companion spaces for each wheelchair space.
- **Court Facilities** — proposing that court facilities must provide an accessible route to a witness stand or attorney area and clear floor space to accommodate a wheelchair. If the witness stand is raised, then either a ramp or lift must be provided to ensure access to the witness stand.
- **Accessible Cells in Detention and Correctional Facilities** — This section greatly expands the requirements for availability specifically because of the aging of the jail population and the increased need for accessibility.
- **Communications** — proposing amendments to recognize that the type of auxiliary aid or service necessary to ensure effective communication will vary depending on the method of communication used by the PWD, the nature, length and complexity of the communication involved and the context in which the communication is taking place. It has also been proposed to

expand coverage to include the companion as well.

For additional information contact: Jacqueline Byers, NACo Director of Research, jbyers@naco.org, (202) 942-4285; or Marilina Sanz, Associate Legislative Director, msanz@naco.org, (202) 942-4260.

NACo ACTIVITIES

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION?

Officials from the National Association of Counties (NACo) will be attending both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. The Democratic National Convention will be held August 25-28 in Denver, Colorado and the Republican National Convention will be held September 1-4 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

If you are attending either of the conventions, NACo would like to invite you to a NACo-sponsored reception honoring county officials. For further information please contact:

- Democratic Convention: Bob Fogel, NACo Senior Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4217 or
- Republican Convention: Ryan Yates, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4207.

To RSVP your attendance, please send your name, title, county, address, phone, fax, and e-mail to: NACo Convention Staff at (202) 942-4281 or leave a message on the NACo Convention Hotline at (202) 942-4290.

NATIONAL SURVEY OF COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

In July, the National Association of Counties (NACo) released the results of a survey entitled "Local Perspectives: A Report from the National Survey of County Elected Officials, 2008." The survey was conducted by NACo and the National Center for the Study of Counties (NCSC) at the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of

Government. This poll, first conducted in 2004 and now in its fifth year, paints a portrait of county elected officials and measures their collective viewpoints on the health of America's counties and on current issues that affect the lives of the people they serve.

In May 2008, surveys were sent to 112 counties with populations of 500,000 or more and results were received from 25 of those counties. Results were received from 25 counties in 17 different states, representing the various geographic section of the country.

Several major findings from the 2008 survey include:

- A majority of county elected officials view either the economy or fuel prices as the most important problem for the United States. A majority cited fuel and utility costs, along with decreases in federal and state funding and infrastructure, as the biggest impediments to counties' economic growth.
- The percentage of county elected officials who said that the United States is heading in the right direction is at its lowest point in the poll's history.
- For the first time since the poll began, there is not a majority of county officials who believe their county's economic conditions are getting better.
- Optimism about economic conditions at the national and county level has drastically decreased among Republican county elected officials.
- The general public is more likely than county officials to be concerned about the possibility of technical issues affecting electronic voting machines, whether those issues originate accidentally or intentionally.

To download a copy of the report to go www.naco.org. Click on County Resource Center>Library>Publications. For more information about the study contact Jackie Byers, NACo Director of Research, at (202) 942-4285 or jbyers@naco.org.

AWARDS

APPLY FOR PRESTIGIOUS INNOVATIONS AWARD

Harvard University invites you to apply for the Innovations in American Government Award.

Administered by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, the Innovations Award is heralded as the premier public-sector award in the nation. It is given annually to programs that serve as examples of creative and effective government at its best.

All units of government--federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial—from all policy areas are eligible to apply. The top winners of the 2009 Innovations Award will receive a \$100,000 grant to support replication and dissemination activities. All winners and finalists receive monetary grants.

Applications and additional information are available on our website:
www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

COUNTY INFORMATION OFFICER FALL WORKSHOP

Join the National Association of Information Officers (NACIO) for their fall regional workshop on October 1-2, 2008 at the Hilton Harrisburg in downtown Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The workshop is hosted by NACIO and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP). For more information go to www.nacio.org or contact Debra Tingley, CCAP Director of Publications, at (717) 526-1010 x 3336 or dtingley@pacounties.org.

SERB ACADEMY 2008

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will host the "SERB Academy 2008" on October 21-22, 2008 at the Kings Island Resort and Conference Center, 5691 Kings Island Drive, in Mason. SERB Academy is an intensive two-day review of

representation, dispute settlement, and unfair labor practice matters, covering the law, the administrative rules, and the day-to-day procedures of the agency. People who are newcomers to public-sector collective bargaining who are or will be working in positions where they need to know how Ohio's law governs labor relations in the public sector should attend.

Registration fee: \$300 per person (includes all sessions, course materials, continental breakfasts, breaks, and luncheons.) Space is limited to the first 100 participants on a first-come, first-served basis only. Reservation deadline: 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 10, 2008.

For more information please contact SERB Research and Training, 65 East State Street – Floor 12, Columbus, OH 43215-4213, (614) 466-2963, fax (614) 466-3074 or tjohnson@serb.state.oh.us or www.serb.state.oh.us.

CLEAN DIESEL – DRIVING AMERICA'S ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Diesel's evolution over the past decade is poised to drive a revolution in the light-duty vehicle market and the choices available to consumers.

What - Join the Diesel Technology Forum for an eye-opening webinar discussion about how new clean diesel vehicles can help drivers, business and communities across the nation save money and reduce petroleum consumption and GHG emissions.

Why - J.D. Power predicts that diesel vehicles (including pickup trucks) will surpass hybrids by 2013 in vehicle sales, with 8.1% of the automotive market versus 6.9% for hybrids.

When - Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. ET.

Overview - Research findings from two new studies will provide in-depth analysis of these issues, including:

- Consumer perceptions about clean diesel fuel and technology, as well as new biodiesel alternatives, including fuel

efficiency, environmental impact and performance.

- The role new, clean diesel fuel and engines will play in reducing America's petroleum consumption and transport-related CO₂ emissions.
- The economic and environmental benefits that clean diesel vehicle owners and society will see in the coming years.

The panel will also address how clean diesel may impact the choices of future car buyers concerned about fuel economy. In the next year, 13 new clean diesel cars and trucks will be available to consumers offering up to 40% better fuel economy and approximately 20% less CO₂ emissions than their gasoline counterparts.

Register Now!

<https://dieselforum.webex.com/dieselforum/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=662587975>. If you have questions or problems registering, e-mail dtf@dieselforum.org.

YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR INTERACTION WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

September 18-19 Event

CCAO has been working with various entities in fostering a special event to create awareness about youth with disabilities and their interaction with the juvenile justice system.

The program, entitled "Education, Reintegration and Employment: Overcoming the Roadblocks to Success" will occur September 18-19 in Cleveland at the Renaissance Hotel.

Attached to this issue of Cids is more information about the event and a registration form.

CCAO served as the fiscal agent for this project. Other sponsoring entities include: The Ohio Department of Education; The Educational Service Center of Franklin County; and ViaQuest, Inc.

CLASSIFIEDS

RECORDS CENTER AND ARCHIVES COORDINATOR

The Union County Commissioners are looking for a Records Center and Archives Coordinator. Duties: Develops and administers a Records Management Program and assist in developing a Policies and Procedures Manual, inventory and reporting forms. Develops and manages a plan for records storage and disposal. Assists and recommends the updating and implementation of retention schedules countywide. Works with County Recorder in assisting county officials with Records Center. Ensures compliance with State mandated records retention and public access requirements concerning public records. Represent the Records Department by working with local agencies including; attending meetings, conferences, workshops, training sessions. Perform a variety of public relation duties. Develops and manages departmental budget and maintain inventory. And any other duties that may be assigned by the County Commissioners.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in a field to records management, and/or two to four years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Additional qualifications: Valid Ohio drivers license and acceptable driving record, ability to lift up to fifty pounds, experience in developing, organizing and managing office procedures as well as monitoring and ensuring fiscal accountability. Supervisory experience may be required. Salary range is \$38,000 to \$48,000.

Submit resume to Rebecca Roush, Clerk, Union County Commissioners Office, 233 West Sixth Street, Marysville, 43040. 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. Ads will also be published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. When submitting your ad to CCAO please provide a link to the job posting online and a deadline. Please provide a 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, by e-mail mjneiman@ccao.org.