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MARCH 27, 2009	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, QUEST CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS (FRANKLIN COUNTY)
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN

ASSOCIATION NEWS

LENNY FOR NACo 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason has formally announced his candidacy for the office of 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Lenny is a full-time county commissioner and wants to spread the message about the importance of public service, the role of county government, and the value of working collaboratively at all levels of government. Lenny and his family know that public service is not only a privilege, but also an amazing opportunity to help others.

Representing Athens County in the heart of Ohio's Appalachian region and being raised in Cuyahoga County, Lenny understands rural and urban issues and working collaboratively to solve county issues.

On the national level, Lenny serves on NACo's Board of Directors and participates in its Finance and Membership Committees. He is vice chair of the Labor and Employment Steering Committee. In addition, Lenny is involved with the Rural Action Caucus and was a member of the 2006 NACo Leadership Institute Class.

Lenny is a past president of CCAO and currently served on the Board of Trustees, General Government and Operations Standing Committee, Boards Coordinating Council, and County & Local Government Reform & Collaboration Task Force. In addition, he represents CCAO on the Ohio Council of County Officials. Lenny is currently president of the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO).

Prior to serving as county commissioner, Lenny owned an AM/FM radio station in a small market in Ohio and had a 20-year broadcasting career. Please visit Lenny's website at www.lenny4naco.com.

CEBCO BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The CEBCO Board of Directors has two vacant seats that will be appointed by CEBCO President

Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner. Another vacant Board seat will be elected at the CEBCO membership meeting in April.

Commissioners from member counties that do not currently have a representative on the Board are encouraged to submit their name for consideration by February 24. The CEBCO Board Meeting will be held at the CCAO offices on February 27. Member counties without representation on the Board are: Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Hardin, Madison, Morrow, Washington, and Williams. For more information contact Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner and CEBCO President, at (740) 592-3219 or leliason@athenscountygovernment.com or Wendy Dillingham, Interim Managing Director, Health and Wellness Programs, at (614) 220-7992, (888) 757-1904, or wdillingham@ccao.org.

2009 CCAO COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the CCAO Commissioners Training Seminar to be held February 23-25, 2009 at Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center, 22300 State Park Road 20, in Mt. Sterling. This popular conference is an excellent opportunity for new and veteran commissioners, administrators, and commissioners' clerks to meet with other officials. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org.

OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST – MARCH 11

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11 in the Capitol Visitor Center – Room 201, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Letters of invitation have been sent to the Ohio Congressional Delegation. Call now to make your appointments to meet with your member(s) during the conference!

The Capitol Visitor Center, the new main entrance to the U.S. Capitol, is located below the East Plaza of the Capitol between Constitution and Independence Avenues. Transportation WILL NOT

be provided to the breakfast. Please do not attempt to drive and park on Capitol Hill! The Capitol can be reached by taking the Metro (red line) to Union Station exit or the Metro (red line) to Metro Center and transfer to the blue or orange lines and exit at Federal South or you can travel by taxi.

A full breakfast will be served and attendance must be guaranteed in advance. There is no charge to attend the breakfast. Attendance at the breakfast is open to all Ohio conference attendees and their traveling companions. Registration deadline: February 27, 2009. For more information about the conference or to register for 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.

IN MEMORIAM

HAROLD E. ADY

Former Harrison County Commissioner Harold Addy died on January 21, 2009. He served as county commissioner from 1981-1988 and as a township trustee for 28 years. Addy served in the Army during World War II. He raised beef cattle and sheep on his farm for 56 years and worked for Consolidated Coal Company for 33 years. During his long and busy career Addy was very active in his church and community.

STATE ACTIVITIES

2009 INDUSTRIAL SITE IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Industrial Site Improvement Fund (ISIF) program assists economically disadvantaged counties in improving industrial or commercial land located within their jurisdictions. Improvements that may be funded under the ISIF program include acquiring land or buildings, expanding and modernizing buildings, remediating environmentally contaminated property, and completing infrastructure improvements for a site. All grant awards are approved by the Director of the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). Grants are administered to the counties by the ODOD's Strategic Business Investment Division (SBID).

A total of \$3.5 million in grant funds are available under the ISIF program during FY 2009. Eligible counties each may submit one application for ISIF assistance per county per fiscal year funding period. Requested grant amounts cannot exceed the lesser of \$750,000 or 75 percent of the total costs incurred under the project.

The grant application period is open until March 31, 2009. ODOD likely will make award announcements prior to June 1, 2009. The 2009 Industrial Site Improvement Fund Guidelines, application materials, and scoring criteria are available from the ISIF Program at <http://www.development.ohio.gov/edd/obd/IndustrialSiteImprovementFund/>. For more information contact Nathan Harber, Administrator, Ohio Job Ready Sites (JRS) Program, Tax Incentives Office. (614) 466-6667, or Nathan.Harber@development.ohio.gov.

BWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC FORUM

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Board of Directors has expanded its public forum on improving communications and correspondence with the agency. The forum will now also include an opportunity for Ohio business owners, medical providers, stakeholders, injured workers and other interested parties to address the Board on *any* issue concerning the BWC's operations and programs.

The forum will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 19 in the auditorium of the William Green Building, 30 West Spring Street, in Columbus. During the forum, any interested party is invited to address the Board of Directors on any BWC related topic. The Board of Directors is also specifically soliciting comments on how BWC can make communication and correspondence with the agency more customer friendly. These topics include cost avoidance/cost reduction opportunities; opportunities for process changes that result in measurable improvements in efficiency and effectiveness; suggestions for providing more responsive customer service through clearer, more efficient communication; eliminating duplicate, confusing or unnecessary forms within BWC and amongst stakeholders; and opportunities to use electronic communication rather than paper.

Those interested in participating in the public forum are encouraged to pre-register by 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 17. Speakers will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms are available online at <http://ohiobwc.com>. On-site registration may also be accepted depending on the number of preregistrations.

OHIO NEEDS YOUR INPUT ON THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS

The State of Ohio has launched www.recovery.ohio.gov - an interactive headquarters for all information regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - the federal stimulus package.

Ohio needs your input now. All expressions of interest in federal stimulus dollars - including proposed infrastructure projects - are to be submitted on a simple form on this website, even if you have already submitted information in some other way. This will ensure a transparent, consistent and non-redundant process to build one database of all potential projects.

Once a project is submitted, it will be entered into a master database and then forwarded to the appropriate state entity, including the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Ohio Rail Development Commission. Then, once the federal stimulus bill is finalized, those who have submitted forms regarding projects which may meet eligibility requirements will receive an email indicating where, when, and how to apply for funds. In the meantime, you can check back at the website (or sign-up on the front page for website update notifications) for any new information available.

Governor Strickland's goal is to make sure that all potential fund applicants are treated equally and fairly and that everyone eligible has a chance to apply for funds. Please take a moment today to visit www.recovery.ohio.gov.

OHIO SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO HELPS EMPLOYERS LOWER COSTS

Ohio employers interested in saving money by increasing safety in the workplace are encouraged

to attend the Ohio Safety Congress and Expo, sponsored by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). The free event is the Midwest's most established occupational safety and health event, linking employers with many opportunities to learn the latest safety and health techniques and practices. The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo will take place March 31 through April 2 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus.

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo features courses and lectures designed to provide attendees with flexible, industry-focused information on a variety of topics, including how to improve safety programs in an effort to reduce costs in a difficult economy. Participants of all educational and some general sessions will receive continuing education credits from the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and credits for BWC discount programs.

Other benefits of attending the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo include:

- Availability of 150 educational sessions designed to improve safety and lower costs;
- Streamlining product purchases at the Expo Marketplace;
- Solving problems with peers at roundtable discussions; and
- Discovering solutions to real-life safety scenarios.

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo will also offer keynote speakers and displays of state-of-the-art occupational safety and health products. The free event is open to the public. Register now at www.ohiobwc.com or by calling 1-800-OHIOBWC. For more information contact Melissa Vince at (614) 466-2956, (614) 202-2329 or melissa.vince@bwc.state.oh.us or Maria Smith at (614) 728-8045, (614) 205-5709 or maria.smith@bwc.state.oh.us.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

OHIO AWARDED FEDERAL PLANNING GRANT TO STUDY HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM

U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton (Dist. 13-Chardon) announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded a \$62,500 planning grant to the Ohio Rail Development Commission for study of a high-speed rail system. The "planning and alternative analysis" money is for the Amtrak/Ohio HUB high-speed corridor from Cleveland through Columbus and Dayton to Cincinnati.

Rep. Sutton said the grant would provide funding for the development stage of the project that would bring Amtrak start-up service and high-performance passenger rail service to metropolitan centers across the state. "This high speed rail corridor will bring 110-mph passenger trains to the 11 million people of Ohio, greatly improving transportation options in the state," Rep. Sutton said in a news release. "Not only will this benefit local residents, but it will help bridge travel and commerce markets, encouraging others to come to our state for business and leisure."

NACo ACTIVITIES

COUNTY LEADERSHIP HANDBOOK

NACo has recently released a new edition of the *County Leadership Handbook*. As with earlier editions, NACo's goal is to give county officials a tool that instructs, encourages, and directs them in their positions. The *Handbook* contains descriptions, tips, tools, and member-to-member advice in five topic areas: leadership perspectives, communications know-how, management and administrative savvy, information technology, and budget and finance.

In an effort to share this information with all Ohio counties, CCAO has linked the *County Leadership Handbook* on our website at www.ccao.org. Click on Publications > NACo County Leadership Handbook. The *Handbook* is also available on-line at www.naco.org in the "Members Only" section of NACo's website. If you have any questions about the *Handbook*, contact Ruth Nybro, NACo Director

of Education and Training, at (202) 942-4277, fax (202) 737-0480, or rnybro@naco.org.

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: STRENGTHEN THE VOICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A new Administration and the 111th Congress will hit town in 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 7-11, 2008 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, in Washington, D.C.! Register online and receive a \$25 discount on your conference registration. Hotel rooms are filling up fast, so register now for a room at or close to the conference headquarters hotel.

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.

2009 NACIO AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE COMPETITION

The National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) is seeking entries for its 2009 Awards of Excellence competition. The contest seeks to recognize outstanding public relations and public information work being done on behalf of counties throughout the nation.

The 2009 NACIO Awards of Excellence Competition covers projects produced and/or distributed from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. Entry fee for each submission: \$35 - NACIO members or \$50 - non-members. No entries will be accepted after **March 28, 2009**. NACIO was formed in 1966 to bring together communications professionals who wanted to share information with other counties across the U.S. For more

information about NACIO, please go to www.nacio.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Board of Preble County Commissioners is accepting applications for the full-time, unclassified, exempt position of county administrator. This position assists in the administration, enforcement, and execution of policies of the Board of County Commissioners. This position is also considered a non-covered employee under FLSA. Interested applicants must possess the ability to communicate with many variables and determine specific action, analyze and interpret data, draw valid conclusions using judgment and analytical skills and to recommend constructive changes in processes, policies and programs. Applicants must have completed post secondary education in public or business administration or related field and/or five years administrative experience in a department under a political subdivision of a county or local government. A competitive salary (commensurate with experience) and a full range of benefits are offered. Applications and a job description can be obtained at the Office of the Board of Preble County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Eaton, Ohio 45320 or at http://prebco.org/county_jobs.htm. Deadline to submit an application and resume: **March 30, 2009**.

ASSISTANT SANITARY ENGINEER

The Warren County Water and Sewer Department seeks an assistant sanitary engineer to support the deputy sanitary engineer in the role of construction project administrator. Under general direction, this engineer will assist in all phases of water and sewer projects from planning, design and construction to operations. Primary responsibilities include: construction oversight; review of construction and material submittals; pay estimate review and processing; management of all aspects of construction including site visits, inspection and coordination with engineers, contractors and operations personnel. Other duties will include interfacing with the Board of County Commissioners; attending public hearings; meeting with the EPA; public speaking; capital

improvements planning and annual budget preparation

Preferred Qualifications: BS Civil Engineering with emphasis in water and wastewater; Registered PE in Ohio strongly desired; 3-5 years experience in water or wastewater construction, with one year at project management level; experience managing water or wastewater personnel; Ohio EPA Operator Certifications are preferred. Pay Range: \$39,772.00 - \$66,301.00

A Warren County Application for Employment must be completed. Please visit Warren County's website, www.co.warren.oh.us, to download an application. Please send application and resume to: Susan Spencer, Personnel Officer Warren County, 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, OH 45036 or fax to: 513-695-2547. Deadline: **February 27, 2009**.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE MANAGER

Licking County Government is seeking candidates with proven management, leadership and communication skills for the position of office manager at the Animal Control Shelter. This person will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Ohio Revised Code and county policies for all internal operations of the shelter and provide exceptional leadership and daily supervision of assigned personnel. The individual will also serve as chief deputy animal Control officer and humane agent, as needed. This is an unclassified position that reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

Qualified applicants must possess an Associate's Degree or equivalent from a two-year college or technical school; and three to five years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. A minimum of two years successful supervisory/leadership experience is essential. The candidate will possess excellent organizational and judgment skills and the ability to work with the public in a somewhat challenging environment. Previous experience leading in a union environment is a plus. Applicants must possess a valid Driver's License and a safe driving record. This is a full time position with hours varying and weekends required. Starting salary: \$40,000 to

\$46,000, commensurate with experience. This position will remain open until filled. Successful candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. Applications can be printed from the web site at www.lcounty.com or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street - 3rd Floor, Newark, OH 43055. EOE.

BUDGET ANALYST

Hamilton County, Ohio, Office of Budget and Strategic Initiatives is seeking a budget analyst. Duties include analyzing agency budget requests for county departments; preparing budget recommendations, monthly and annual financial reporting; project tracking and cost-benefit analysis for department initiatives; and serving as liaison between budget director and officials on fiscal matters. Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree with course work in public finance, public policy, economics, financial management or accounting; or equivalent work experience. Salary range begins at \$39,000, based on qualifications.

Send your resume/application to Hamilton County Human Resources Department, 138 E. Court Street, Room 707, Cincinnati, OH 45202, fax to (513) 946-4720. View full job posting and apply online at: <http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hr/BOCCCoverPage2.asp> Deadline: **February 25, 2009.**

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

Under direction of the county auditor, Clark County seeks a system administrator to provide systems support, hardware and software support for county

data processing systems as well as reporting capabilities for the auditor's and treasurer's offices. Responsibilities: documentation of systems; compliance with county standards and policies, internal support for departmental users; interface between system providers and Auditor and Treasurer; prepare and modify reports using Crystal Reports, SQL query generation and reporting; IAS report generation, printing and procedures; troubleshoot hardware and software problems; and related support for system users.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in an appropriate discipline or a combination of five years of education and relevant experience; minimum of five years experience in system administration, working knowledge of oracle database design, PL/SQL, Windows 2000/2003/XP based operating systems/applications, excellent interpersonal, communications, and customer service skills; technical writing skills, ability to quickly learn new systems, working knowledge of Microsoft Office products.

More details are available at http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/job_openings.htm. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. 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