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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 7-11, 2009	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 11, 2009	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER – ROOM 201, U.S. CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 12, 2009	SOUTHEAST DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, INN AT EAGLESTICKS, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
MARCH 13, 2009	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, HOLIDAY INN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ENGLEWOOD)
MARCH 13, 2009	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, CELEBRATIONS BY SALLIE, ASHLAND COUNTY (ASHLAND)
MARCH 13, 2009	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, MARION COUNTRY CLUB, MARION COUNTY (MARION)
MARCH 27, 2009	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, QUEST CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS (FRANKLIN COUNTY)
APRIL 2, 2009	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 3-9, 2009	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW CCAOSC ENERGY PROGRAM – NATURAL GAS SAVINGS

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC) is pleased to announce a new energy program designed to help keep your natural gas costs under control. As you recall, the CCAOSC established a natural gas

program in 2000 to save counties money through pre-payment and aggregation. Since the inception of that program, the CCAOSC Natural Gas Program has saved the 30-member counties over \$7.4 million in gas commodities. In the past year, counties saved over \$1.3 million. The CCAOSC has been researching how to achieve more cost savings and open the program to more counties.

The CCAOSC has partnered with Palmer Energy to help manage a new natural gas program – CCAOSC Energy Solutions - for member counties. Program advantages: utilize strength of group buying and leverage buying power to shop the market and secure the best deals.

Program materials will be sent to county commissioners within a week. The CCAOSC believes this program has the potential to provide significant value for your county. If you have questions or would like to schedule a consultation, please contact Kirk Mizerek, Palmer Energy Vice President, at (419) 539-9180 or kmizerek@palmerenergy.com or Tom Strup, CCAO Deputy Director of Operations, at (614) 220-7978 or tstrup@ccao.org.

CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner and CCAO Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Chair, has appointed members to serve on the committee and scheduled a meeting on April 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Trumbull County Commissioner Daniel Polivka serves as the vice chair of the Committee.

This meeting will be primarily dedicated to a discussion of the potential for major changes to the current indigent defense system in Ohio and the various and significant issues that this would involve. Tim Young, State Public Defender, and Bill Weisenberg, Assistant Executive Director of the Ohio State Bar Association, will be present for the discussion. In addition, the Committee will discuss the current status of HB 1, the FY 10/11 state biennial and the proposals for funding corrections programs and indigent defense.

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP your attendance to Janet Erwin, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 20-7986, (888) 757-1904, or jerwin@ccao.org.

Mark your calendars for two additional committee meetings to be held in 2009 – July 9 and October 15.

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.

MUSKINGUM COUNTY TO HOST SE DISTRICT

Muskingum County Commissioners John Bates, Brian Hill, and Jerry Lavy and County Engineer Douglas Davis will host the Southeast District Commissioners and Engineers Association Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Inn at Eaglesticks, 2655 Maysville Pike, in Zanesville. Featured speakers are The Honorable Zack Space, U.S. Representative (Dist. 18-Dover) or his representative and The Honorable Jimmy Stewart, Ohio Senator (Dist. 20-Albany). The 12:00 noon lunch is sponsored by the SE District. Registration deadline: March 6. RSVP to the Muskingum County Commissioner's office at (740) 455-7100.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO OPEN RECORDS LAW TRAINING SEMINARS

House Bill 9 was passed by the 126th Ohio General Assembly to ensure that public employees are appropriately educated regarding obligations under Ohio's Open Records Law. All elected officials or their appropriate designees are required to obtain three hours of training approved by the Ohio Attorney General per term served in elected office, whether the official was appointed or elected to that office. Throughout the year, the Office of Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray will offer free seminars across the state to help elected officials, their designees, and the public to obtain the training required by the act. The three-hour curriculum will integrate current publications, including "Ohio Sunshine Laws" on Ohio's Public Records Act and Open Meetings Act into training sessions.

In addition, the act requires the State Auditor, in the course of an annual or biennial audit or a public office pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 117, to monitor the public office for compliance with the act's provisions regarding training and public records policy described above.

Training information and registration materials for the HB 9 training can be found www.ag.state.oh.us/publicrecords/training/asp. For more information, contact Office of the Attorney General, Policy and Public Affairs/Program Development, 30 East Broad Street – Fl. 17, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 644-5224, fax (614) 644-6135, or www.ag.state.oh.us.

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The Ohio Public Works Commission was created to assist in financing local public infrastructure improvements under the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvements Program (LTIP). These programs provide financial assistance to local communities for the improvement of their basic infrastructure systems. Through the two programs, the Commission provides grants, loans, and financing for local debt support and credit enhancement. Eligible projects include improvements to roads,

bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, storm water collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities.

For more information on the programs and to download a copy of the "Ohio Public Works Commission Annual Report – Program Year 20 & 21" (December 2008) go to [www.pwc.state.oh.us/annual PY 20 21.pdf](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/annual_PY_20_21.pdf).

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

DOE SOLAR AMERICA SHOWCASE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced availability of up to \$2 million in technical assistance through Solar America Showcases. The Showcases are designed to help facilitate large-scale installations that involve cutting-edge solar technologies, novel applications of solar, high visibility sites, and/or high likelihood of replicability. Assistance is provided through teams of DOE-funded solar experts from national laboratories and includes regulatory and permitting assistance, analysis of financing options, cost/benefit analysis, structural and architectural analysis, design assistance, and bid specification preparation.

Eight to 16 awards are expected during calendar year 2009. The Notice of Opportunity will close and reopen each quarter for review of applications. Applications received prior to the end of each quarter (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31) will be reviewed during the following quarter.

Eligible applicants include state and local governments, private sector for-profit and non-profit organizations, and trade and other associations, as long as the installation is located in the United States. Examples of past state and local government awardees include Solar Public Schools, Washington, D.C.; Zero Energy Housing Development, State of New Mexico; City of San Jose, California; and Convention Center, Orange County, Florida. For more information or to view the full Notice of Technical Assistance, please visit: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america_showcases.html.

CONGRESSIONAL SPONSORS WANTED FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION

As part of the CCAO Legislative Program, we are requesting that the state support federal reform (Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act, H.R. 5698, last session) that would remove the so-called "inmate exception" that prevents federal medical benefits from being paid for people in jail whether or not they have been convicted of a crime. Current federal benefits rules that states must follow leave counties solely responsible for the medical expenses of jailed individuals. As a result, qualified individuals who have been jailed automatically are stripped of their federal benefits before they have been convicted of anything. This appears to be a direct contradiction of the basic presumption of innocence, which is the foundation of the American criminal justice system.

Congressman Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), the sponsor of H.R. 5698, currently is seeking co-sponsors prior to his reintroduction of the Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act in the 111th Congress. This legislation also is strongly supported by NACo.

We encourage you to contact your Member of the House of Representatives and ask him or her to contact Rep. Hastings' Senior Legislative Assistant Amye Greene at (202) 225-1313 and sign on as an initial co-sponsor of the bill.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: STRENGTHEN THE VOICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The NACo Legislative Conference will be held March 7-11, 2008 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, in Washington, D.C. 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.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK – MAY 3-9

Join counties across the nation to celebrate National County Government Week (NCGW) to be held May 3 – 9, 2009. The theme for the 2009 celebration is "Greening Our Future." All counties are encouraged to participate, especially those that are pursuing green government initiatives. Tell your residents about what counties are doing to conserve energy, protect the environment, and save taxpayer's dollars. A comprehensive booklet of ideas on ways to celebrate NCGW, including draft proclamations and news releases, is available at www.naco.org. For more information, contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222 or tgoodman@naco.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.

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

BWC REGIONAL MEETING – SE COUNTIES

The Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC) has scheduled a regional meeting for public officials in the following counties: **Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Licking, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, and Washington.**

The following topics applicable to public employers will be covered: Current BWC retrospective rating program; new BWC deductible program starting 1/1/2010 for public employers; new "Group Retro" program currently being developed by the BWC; and the new statutory provision under which public employers' coverage can lapse for non-payment of premium.

The seminar will be held on March 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the BWC Cambridge Service Center, 61501 Southgate Road, in Cambridge. BWC staff will provide information on safety programs, Safety Grants, and best practices for claims management. A round table discussion revolving around specific issues related to public employers will end the session.

Registration deadline: March 9, 2009. For more information, contact Belinda Lauer, BWC Employer Management Supervisor, at (740) 435-4331, or Belinda.Lauer@bwc.state.oh.us.

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 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.

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: **February 28, 2009.**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISOR

St. Marys City Schools seeks a buildings and grounds supervisor to direct delivery of district-wide maintenance services; provides technical expertise and manual skill in the inspection, servicing, and repair of the buildings, grounds, equipment, and furnishings, supervises and evaluates building and grounds staff; complete job description available at www.smriders.net. Submit resume and salary requirements to Kurt Kuffner, Business Manager, St. Marys City Schools, 1445 Celina Road, St. Marys, Ohio, 45885 or kurt.kuffner@smriders.net. Deadline: **March 31, 2009.** EOE.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Licking County Government is accepting applications for an executive assistant with the Child Support Enforcement Agency. This position is responsible for performing complex administrative duties of a confidential nature under the general direction of the CSEA Director. Successful candidates must have a minimum of an Associate's degree (A.A.) and two to four years related experience or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Starting

salary range is \$29,200 - \$36,500. A complete job posting can be obtained by visiting our website www.lcounty.com or visiting the Human Resources Department. Applications will be accepted until the position is 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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNER

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is accepting applications for a Community Development Planner. The successful candidate will prepare significant elements of the agency's federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs including the following: project proposal review, annual application, project implementation and oversight, program monitoring and record keeping. Meets with and provides technical assistance to local officials and non-profit agencies. Attends meetings and conferences as designated. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in a planning-related field in urban/regional planning. A minimum of two years professional experience required or equivalent combination of education and experience. Salary range \$30,000-\$40,000. View a copy of the job posting at www.rpc.co.stark.oh.us and click on "what's new". Send resume and cover letter stating qualifications, experience and salary history to Stark County Regional Planning Commission, 201 3rd Street NE, Suite 201, Canton, OH 44702-1211, Attn: Bob Nau, Executive Director, or FAX to 330-451-7990, by **noon, March 25, 2009. EOE.**

SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION SURVEY COORDINATOR

The Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department currently has a job opening for a Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) Coordinator. Minimum qualifications include 10+ years experience in wastewater collection operations and maintenance with a focus on infiltration/inflow evaluation and remediation; an Associates Degree in an Applied Science or Engineering related field;

and a valid Ohio CDL. Anyone wishing to apply for the position should do so by submitting an application for employment to the Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department, 315 Madison Street – Room 105, Port Clinton, OH 43452, no later than **4:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009**. An employment application and copy of the job description for the position may be obtained in the Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department or online at www.co.ottawa.oh.us. EOE.

MANAGING DIRECTOR, HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

CCAO seeks an energetic, innovative, highly organized, knowledgeable and self-motivated individual to manage and run a health insurance pool.

Position requires a Bachelor's Degree and five years experience in a management capacity. Effective written and oral communication skills are required. Experience with non-profit associations, county, state, or city government is preferred. Preferred candidate will have working experience in the health insurance industry. Position requires a strong understanding of self-funded insurance management, and an ability to maintain effective, strong working relationships with CCAO staff and management, board members, and customers. Candidates with knowledge of the operation of government or other not-for-profit insurance pooling and a commitment to the success of such programs strongly preferred.

Competitive salary and benefit program in a positive team-oriented office. Send resume and salary requirements to Tom Strup, CCAO, 209 East State Street; Columbus OH 43215 or e-mail to cebcoad@ccao.org on or before **March 20, 2009**. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected. Please submit salary requirements and references. No phone calls.

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

