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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.

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.

AFFILIATE NEWS

2009 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS

The County Commissioners' Clerks and Engineer's Administrative Professional Association of Ohio (CCC/EAPA) has scheduled regional meetings to share information and network with other clerks. CCC/EAPA is comprised of county commissioners and engineers' office staff. All commissioners' clerks and engineers' administrative professionals are welcome to attend. The CCC/EAPA board works hard to provide educational workshops and training opportunities at summer and winter conferences.

Regional information and networking luncheon meetings are a priority with our group. The lunch is compliments of CCAO/CEAO and you may attend one or all of these meetings, as topics will vary. Please RSVP to assure an accurate lunch count. The meetings beginning at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

The following meeting locations will be announced in future issues of CIDS.

- March 27, 2009 Lorain County
- April 24, 2009 Carroll County
- July 24, 2009 Noble County
- August 28, 2009 Wood County
- September 25, 2009 Darke County
- October 9, 2009 Scioto County
- October 23, 2009 Franklin County

Your input and feedback for agenda items of interest and relevance to you and your job situation are critical to the success of these meetings.

Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, Erie County Commissioners at chauenstein@erie-county-ohio.net or Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners at lhawkins@ashtabulacounty.us. Please bring any forms to share that may be useful to other counties.

To obtain additional information on the CCC/EAPA, or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact JoAnn Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners at (740) 592-3219, jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com or www.ccc-esao.org. A Yahoo Group to post questions and answers that arise in your office has been opened. You are encouraged to join this yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_ESAO.

COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATOR'S ASSOCIATION 2009 SPRING MEETING

Join the County Loss Control Coordinators Association (CLCCA) 2009 Spring Meeting, Friday, April 24, at Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant, Exit 165 off I-71, in Bellville. The theme of the meeting is "Human Resources and Risk Management in Tough Times."

A Continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. Meeting sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Meeting topics will include:

- A Human Resources Update – recent changes to ADA, FMLA, Civil Service requirements during lay-offs, and other "need to Know" HR information.
- Risk Management in Tough Economic Times - low-cost risk management methods available to counties when budget funds are tight.

Registration deadline: April 10, 2009. Registration fee: free (CLCCA members); \$25 (non-members). To register, contact Susan Burkhart, CLCCA Secretary-Treasurer and Washington County Safety Coordinator, (740) 373-6623 (office), fax (740) 374-2544 or sburkhart@wccgov.org. Questions? Contact Brian Dunn, CLCCA Northwest

District Director and Logan County Special Projects Coordinator, at (937) 599-7280 or bdunn@co.logan.oh.us.

OSU EXTENSION NEWS

OSU EXTENSION RESTRUCTURE PLAN INFO TO BE RELEASED TO COMMISSIONERS THIS WEEK

OSU Extension began releasing information on its restructuring proposal to OSU Extension county directors this week. As you know, the continued strained financial conditions for both state and county funding has led to this new OSU Extension regional format. County commissioners should expect and invite extension staff to discuss the impact of the restructuring proposal with commissioners as soon as possible. Additional information should have been mailed to commissioners this week detailing the plan. If you have not received such information by Monday March 9, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Policy Analyst, by cell at (614) 312-9719 or jhahn@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

DRINKING WATER AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL STIMULUS PROJECT APPLICATION DEADLINES

The Governor's Office announced an update to the federal stimulus disbursement process for drinking water and water pollution control infrastructure stimulus projects. The State has received final guidance from the USEPA encouraging the Ohio EPA to submit projects for consideration as soon as possible. In order to ensure that the State of Ohio maximizes its opportunity to receive these funds deadlines have been established to submit expressions of interest and pre-applications for these funds:

March 6, 2009 by 5 PM: Final date to submit expressions of interest for drinking water and water pollution control infrastructure projects to <http://recovery.ohio.gov/>. Applicants should be sure to use the Infrastructure category and appropriate subcategory (either Drinking Water State Revolving Fund or Clean Water State Revolving Fund) provided on the web based form.

March 13, 2009 by 5 PM: All drinking water infrastructure pre-applications and water pollution control infrastructure nomination forms must be completed and provided to Ohio EPA.

Please take note: the above deadlines apply only to drinking water and water pollution control infrastructure projects. There are other infrastructure stimulus programs administered by Ohio EPA, such as the National Clean Diesel Program, to which these deadlines do NOT apply.

OHIO'S EMERALD ASH BORER TRAPPING PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN MARCH

In March, Ohio Department of Agriculture officials will begin placing manufactured traps across Ohio for a second year to detect the emerald ash borer, an exotic beetle responsible for killing thousands of ash trees. Researchers developed a purple trap and lure that attracts adult emerald ash borers in the vicinity. State and federal officials are using these traps across the country.

Department officials will conduct two types of surveys by placing nearly 5,000 traps in or near ash trees in parts of Ohio where the insect has not yet been detected. One survey will place traps roughly 1.5 miles apart, focusing primarily on the southeast corner of the state. The second survey will focus on "high risk" areas determined by USDA guidelines in the remaining non-quarantined counties. The traps will be set before emerald ash borer adults begin to emerge in spring.

The purple, triangular traps are constructed with three corrugated plastic sides, roughly one-foot wide by two-feet tall. The outside of the traps are coated with glue and hung in or near ash trees. Traps will be removed in the fall for inspection, following the flight season. The traps pose no risk to humans, domestic pets, or wildlife.

If a suspect beetle is found on a trap, it will be sent to a USDA lab for identification. Counties with new finds will be quarantined to regulate the movement of ash trees, parts of an ash tree, and all hardwood firewood out of the county in an effort to stop the spread of the emerald ash borer through infested materials.

Citizens and municipalities are encouraged to assist in detection and education by allowing trap placement on their property. Those interested in participating can contact the department for more information at 1-888-OHIO-EAB or eab@agri.ohio.gov. Additional information on the program, including quarantine information, is available online at www.agri.ohio.gov.

NACo ACTIVITIES

GREEN COUNTY VIDEO SPOTLIGHTS: RESERVE A DIGITAL CAMCORDER

NACo wants to help your county communicate how your green government practices are helping to save taxpayer dollars, boost the local economy, and benefit the environment. Thanks to the generous support of the 19 corporate sponsors of NACo's Green Government Initiative (www.greencounties.org), digital camcorders are now available for loan to your county. A member county may reserve a digital camcorder for a four-week period of time and record a 5-minute video(s) on the county's green government efforts.

Categories for the green government videos are:

- Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency
- Green Fleets and Alternative Fuels
- Climate Protection and Air Quality
- Purchasing and Procurement
- Waste Management and Recycling
- Land Use and Conservation
- Water Quality and Conservation

NACo encourages all participants to emphasize the green project's financial savings, job creation, and economic development impacts. Videos may showcase efforts in any or all categories but must adhere to NACo's guidelines, including a maximum time of 5-minutes. Any county is welcome to submit more than one best practice video.

Videos will be uploaded to NACo's YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/NACoVideo) for all to access and learn from. Already have a digital camera and/or an applicable video? Be sure to get in touch for guidelines and instructions on how to participate.

Reserve a camcorder today by contacting Kelly Zonderwyk, NACo Project Manager, at (202) 942.4224 or kzonderwyk@naco.org for more details.

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

BWC RETROPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM MEETING

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

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. The agenda will include updates to the new upcoming programs, rate reform, and a new law specifically impacting public entities. You will learn information regarding the Retrospective Program and who is a good candidate for it. We will provide the highlights to required safety programs, Safety Grant, and best practices for claims management. A round table discussion revolving around specific issues related to public employers will end our 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 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.

CLASSIFIEDS

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.

DIRECTOR OF SANITARY ENGINEERING

The Board of Greene County Commissioners seeks a Director of Sanitary Engineering. This is an unclassified, fiduciary position that directs and supervises a staff of 114 employees. Position requires experience in administration and enforcement of laws, codes and regulations governing water & wastewater systems throughout the county; supervision and administration; budget and fiscal management; staff development; and public relations.

The minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Business, Public Administration, or a related field (Master of Public Administration preferred), with seven years of progressively responsible managerial experience, including two years of senior management, or an equivalent

combination of education and experience, and a valid Ohio driver's license. Current Principles & Practice of Engineering (PE) registration in Ohio preferred.

Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Applications will be accepted until **March 20, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.**, and may be obtained at the Greene County Personnel Department, 105 East Market Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385, or printed from www.co.greene.oh.us . (937) 562-5004. 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