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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 27, 2009	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, QUEST CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS (FRANKLIN COUNTY)
MARCH 27, 2009	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, LORAIN COUNTY
APRIL 2, 2009	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 24, 2009	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, CARROLL COUNTY
APRIL 24, 2009	CLCCA 2009 SPRING MEETING, TROYER'S DUTCH HERITAGE RESTAURANT, BELLVILLE
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.

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 network with this most informative organization. The 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 CCC/EAPA. Topics will vary at each meeting and are held on Friday's beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch.

Meeting locations will be announced in future issues of CIDS and at www.ccao.org. The following is a general list of meetings to be held throughout the 2009 calendar year:

- 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

Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, and Erie County Commissioners at chauenstein@erie-county-ohio.net or Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners at lhawkins@ashtabulacounty.us. 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 has been opened. You are encouraged to join this yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_ESAO.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

CLINTON COUNTY CONSIDERS TURNING FORMER DHL FACILITY INTO GREEN ENTERPRISE ZONE

Clinton County lost nearly 10,000 jobs and \$257 million of payroll tax base with the closing of DHL US Express airpark at the end of January. Faced with the impending closing, the county made ambitious plans to turn the former DHL facility into a Green Enterprise Zone.

County officials have submitted a request for information to several development firms and are currently reviewing 12 proposals. The proposals include plans to build recycling plants, an algae bio-fuel center, renewable energy research centers, and to provide tax incentives to environmentally conscious businesses. All proposals emphasize the development of cutting-edge green businesses that will create new jobs for former DHL employees.

For more information on green government projects in other counties across the nation, contact Kelly Zonderwyk, Project Manager, National Association of Counties, 25 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 942-4224, kzonderwyk@naco.org or www.greencounties.org.

OSU EXTENTION NEWS

OSU EXTENSION RESTRUCTURING

All county commissioners should have received the Executive Summary of the OSU Extension restructuring plan and have been contacted by their Extension county directors at this time. A copy of both the Executive Summary and the complete plan are also available on line at <http://extension.osu.edu/>. Please keep the lines of communication open as OSU Extension and counties try and work through these challenging times. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 221-5627 or jhahn@ccao.org.

OSU EXTENSION WEBCAST: ECONOMIC CRISIS & POLICY OPTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17

As America moves beyond mere discussion of the world financial crisis and severe economic downturn, policy proposals and decisions are flying left and right. What are the implications on our world position and on the relationship between rural and urban domestic economies? Two premier policy economists from The Ohio State University Department of Agricultural Environmental and Development Economics will be sharing their thoughts and answering your questions in a unique online conference being presented by the Department and OSU Extension. The "Economic Crisis & Policy Options" webcast will be streamed online live, March 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Topics for the day are:

The Global Financial Crisis: To Regulate or not to Regulate? Ian Sheldon, Andersons Professor of International Trade

The Policy we Choose: Bad or Worse for the Economy? Mark Partridge, C. William Swank Chair of Rural-Urban Policy

If you have broadband Internet (500K or faster), click on <http://aede.osu.edu/programs/outlook/Webcast-09.htm> to register. Registration fee: \$25. Once you have completed the registration form and click "submit" you'll be taken to a separate, secure payment site. When your registration and payment are confirmed, details about logging into the webcast will be sent. **Registration deadline: March 16.** There is no limit on the number of online participants. If you have any questions, email Econograms@osu.edu or call (614) 292-6421.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO WINS GOVERNOR'S CUP FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR; LEADS NATION IN NEW, EXPANDED BUSINESS FACILITY INVESTMENT

The State of Ohio has been awarded *Site Selection* magazine's Governor's Cup Award for leading the nation in new and expanded facilities in 2008. The March edition of the magazine highlights the award

and Ohio's economic accomplishments, which include 12 cities around the state with top 10 rankings.

This year marks the seventh time Ohio has been awarded the Governor's Cup, receiving the award in 1993, 1994, 1995, 2003, 2006, and 2007. The occasion marks the third win in a row for Ohio and the state's fourth in six years. Governor Strickland attributes Ohio's third consecutive Governor's Cup win to the state's manufacturing strengths, logistics capabilities, skilled workforce, and our competitive business environment.

The City of Dayton played an outstanding role this year, ranking number one in the category for mid-sized metropolitan areas with populations between 200,000 and one million.

Conway Data, *Site Selection's* publisher, has since 1978 annually recognized the state with the most new and expanded corporate facilities as tracked by its New Plant database. The New Plant database focuses on new corporate location projects that meet at least one of three criteria: (a) involve a capital investment of at least \$1 million, (b) create at least 50 new jobs or (c) add at least 20,000 sq. ft. of new floor area.

The magazine's yearly analyses are regarded by corporate real estate analysts as "the industry scoreboard." Ohio won the award with 503 projects; Texas placed second with 497 projects, followed by Michigan (296), Pennsylvania (290) and North Carolina (245). More Ohio cities ranked in the top 10 metropolitan and micropolitan categories for new and expanded corporate facilities than any other state in the nation.

Dayton, Akron and Toledo swept the top three spots ahead of all other mid-sized metropolitan areas with a population between 200,000 and one million, with Youngstown tied for 7th. Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland ranked 4th, 8th and 9th respectively among metropolitan areas with populations of over one million. Wooster, Ashtabula and Wapakoneta ranked 6th, 7th, and 9th respectively among micropolitan cities of 10,000 to 50,000 in population. Additional information about the Governor's Cup is available at www.siteselection.com.

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATES THE OHIO HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND QUALITY CONTROL COUNCIL

On March 5, 2009, Governor Strickland signed an Executive Order 2009-03S creating the Ohio Health Care Coverage and Quality Council. While the introduced version of HB 1 also creates the Council, the EO was issued now so that the urgent work of the Council could commence in the spring rather than later this year when the HB 1 would be effective.

Some of the responsibilities of the Council include advising the Governor and General Assembly on strategies for improving health programs, policies and plans; monitor and evaluate implementation of strategies to improve access to health insurance coverage and the quality of the health care system; catalog existing health care data reporting efforts and make recommendation to improve data reporting; study health care financing alternatives; evaluate the systems used to connect with health insurance and alternative systems; recommend minimum coverage standards for health insurance plans; and recommend strategies to assist individuals in being able to afford health insurance coverage.

For more information please contact Amy Rohling McGee, Executive Assistant for Health and Human Services Policy, Office of Governor Ted Strickland, at (614) 728-8850.

CORCORAN APPOINTED TO CLEAN OHIO COUNCIL

Ross County Commissioner Doug Corcoran has been appointed by Governor Strickland to the Clean Ohio Council. The Council is charged with reviewing and approving applications and entering into an agreement with the applicant to award a grant or make a loan for the applicant's brownfield cleanup project.

Corcoran has served as a Ross County Commissioner since 2005. He had previously served as the director of economic development for the City of Chillicothe from 2004-2005 and as the treasurer of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission since 2007. He received a bachelor's degree from Ohio University in 1995.

SOS ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF VOTING ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (VOTE) GRAND FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has made limited funds available to the Ohio Secretary of State to assure voters with full range of disabilities are provided access to polling locations for voting purposes. Boards of Election are eligible to receive funding from the Ohio Secretary of State's Office for two separate initiatives:

- Make polling places (including the path of travel, entrances, exits, and voting areas of each polling facility) accessible to individuals with disabilities. Note: A "Polling Place Accessibility Checklist" is available to assist you in assessing each polling locations' compliance with the Americans With Disability Act (ADA) requirements at www.ada.gov/votingck.htm.
- Train elections officials, poll workers, and election volunteers on how best to promote the access and participation of individuals with disabilities in elections for Federal offices.

To apply for such funding or for more information, Boards of Elections should contact: Office of the Secretary of State, Attn: Joy West, ADA Specialist, 180 East Broad Street, Floor 15, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 466-6391 or jwest@sos.state.oh.us.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NEXT INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS FORUM APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

A two-day "Interoperable Communications Forum" will be held April 30 - May 1, 2009 in Kansas City, Missouri. The Forum will help county officials address challenges to achieving communications interoperability, and describe ways on how to become involved in regional, statewide and nationwide planning efforts. This is not a technical training seminar. The forum will focus on policy-level issues, budgeting priorities, building bridges across disciplines and jurisdictions, and will provide suggestions on providing comprehensive policymaking leadership.

The Forum is open to teams of two to three people, one of whom must be publicly elected and serving on a county or city's governing body (board, commission, council). Most expenses for participant's travel and housing are paid through a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to NACo. Space is limited. Application deadline: March 27. For more information, contact Rocky Lopes, Program Director, at rlopes@naco.org, or (202) 661-8841.

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

COUNTY CONSTRUCTION & FINANCE SEMINAR

Public finance and construction can be challenging. The "County Construction & Finance Seminar" will address your needs by providing practical information and experiences of others as you evaluate potential solutions. Hosted by Bricker & Eckler LLP, the seminar will be held on March 25, 2009 at the Confluence Park Restaurant, 679 West Spring Street, in Columbus. Sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

CCAO is a sponsoring organization of the seminar. Registration fee: \$115 or \$99 – members of sponsoring organizations or multiple registrations from the same organization. For more information please contact Bricker & Eckler LLP, Attn: Amy Abbey, 100 South Third Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (800) 750-1525 or aabbey@bricker.com or www.bricker.com/seminars.

CLASSIFIEDS

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.

BRIDGE ENGINEER

The Montgomery County Engineer is responsible for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of over 500 bridges, ranging from box culverts and single-span slabs to multi-span girder and arch bridges. The county Bridge Engineer will be directly responsible for bridge replacement and rehabilitation programming, bridge inspection approvals, load rating calculations, overload permits, technical guidance and contract administration for consultant-designed bridges, and supervision of in-house bridge design and plan production efforts. The successful candidate will provide structure reviews for other public and private infrastructure improvement projects, prepare applications to secure outside bridge program funding, pursue innovative bridge technologies, and support county staff in bridge maintenance operations.

Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from ABET-accredited university; minimum 10 years

experience in bridge design or management; PE and ODOT Level 2 bridge prequalification (or equivalent) required; able to work without supervision; direct technical, junior professional, and administrative staff; and complete responsibilities on schedule; must read, write, and speak fluent English and possess valid Ohio driver's license; and Master's degree and knowledge of AutoCAD or Microstation preferred

Application deadline: **March 20, 2009**. For more information go to www.mcoho.org.

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