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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2, 2009	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 7, 2009	CCAO AFFILIATES COUNCIL, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 24, 2009	CLCCA 2009 SPRING MEETING, TROYER'S DUTCH HERITAGE RESTAURANT, BELLVILLE
MAY 3-9, 2009	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
MAY 19, 2009	SE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, COSHOCTON COUNTY
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN

(614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org to share your ideas!

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK; HOW WILL YOUR COUNTY PARTICIPATE?

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.

What activities has your county planned for National County Government Week? Contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at

NEW CCAOSC ENERGY PROGRAM – NATURAL GAS SAVINGS

Has your county signed-up to save money on natural gas? Recently, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC) announced a new energy program designed to help keep your natural gas costs under control. 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.

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 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.

STATE ACTIVITIES

DOD SUBMITS STATE ENERGY PROGRAM APPLICATION

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the federal stimulus bill, there are a variety of funding opportunities for counties related to energy and energy efficiency.

The Department of Development has submitted its initial application for the State Energy Program, which was received by the U.S. Department of Energy on March 23. The complete final application is due on May 12, 2009.

State interagency planning teams are continuing to meet developing recommendations for the expanded State Energy Program. The Department to keep stakeholders informed and will be posting program guidance in the coming weeks and updating the Ohio Recovery web page at <http://recovery.ohio.gov/>. The Ohio Energy Office will also be offering assistance through its toll free line at (866) 728-6749.

Counties interested in the detailed information on the energy programs may wish to periodically refer to the Department of Energy web page at <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/>. Additional guidance on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant dollars some of which will be available directly to larger counties and cities is available at http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.

If you need additional background or have questions about the opportunities for counties

please contact Sherry Hubbard, Office Chief, Ohio Energy Office, at (614) 466-6797.

STATEWIDE SURVEY SHOWS OPENESS TO BALANCED APPROACH TO ADDRESSING STATE BUDGET SHORTFALLS TO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Ohioans favor an approach to solving the state's fiscal crisis that includes increasing revenues to provide adequate funding and avoiding further cuts to important services according to key findings released this week.

Specifically when asked about alternatives to budget cuts, by a margin of 57% to 41%, Ohioans favor "a budget proposal that increases taxes to avoid cuts in state services. The proposal would roll back some recent cuts in state income taxes, increase income taxes on those with incomes over \$200,000, and increase some business taxes." The other two percent said they were not sure.

When asked their views regarding potential cuts to particular state services to address the state budget shortfall, those polled reacted strongly against reductions in a number of areas. Cuts to the following services were considered unacceptable:

- 90% against cutting social services for abused and neglected children,
- 92% against eliminating services for people with mental illness,
- 86% against eliminating food pantries and food program funding,
- 82% against cutting funds for pre-K through 12th grade schools and
- 80% against eliminating nurse visits for at-risk infants.

Interestingly, the poll found a lack of awareness among Ohioans with regard to state income tax cuts that have taken effect in recent years. Though tax rates have dropped since 2004, only eight percent of those polled said their personal income tax rate has gone down, compared to 32% who said the rate has gone up and 44% who said it has stayed about the same and 16% who said they were not sure.

The poll, which surveyed 602 likely voters between March 6 and 9, was conducted by Garin-Hart-Yang

Research Group of Washington, DC for the Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future. The Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future is a coalition of health, human services, education organizations seeking to protect Ohio's most vulnerable citizens by restoring or adequately funding vital services through a responsible budget that has as its primary priority to meet basic human needs and provide sufficient funds to invest in Ohio's future.

**AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT:
OHIO'S TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS
PROJECTS**

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland has announced that 149 transportation infrastructure projects have been prioritized for full or partial funding from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) resources. Federal transportation stimulus funds totaling \$774 million will be spent in nearly every Ohio county. Based on federal calculations for transportation investment, an estimated 21,257 jobs will be created or retained through these stimulus projects, with thousands of additional jobs likely to be spurred by the economic development that will occur as a result of the projects.

When combined with Recovery Act funds allocated under Ohio's Rural Transit Program, stimulus investments will be made in 87 of Ohio's 88 counties. (Noble County, the remaining county, did not submit a federally-eligible transportation stimulus project; however the state will be investing more than \$9.7 million in non-stimulus transportation funds over the next year.)

A full list of priority transportation projects and other information about the state's transportation infrastructure investments go to www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Communications/Pages/FederalStimulusProjects.aspx.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

COPS FUNDING APPLICATIONS DUE IN ONE MONTH

At a White House meeting March 18 on the Recovery Act, NACo learned that the Department of Justice (DOJ) had released COPS funding on March 16 for competitive grants. Counties have less than one month—until April 14—to request

consideration for funding. DOJ officials have asked that counties go to the department's Web site at www.cops.usdoj.gov to apply. Click on link in COPS Hiring Recovery Program graphic at top of page.

CHRP (COPS Hiring Recovery Program) is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.

STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO SHARE \$84 MILLION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY, CONSERVATION PROJECTS

The state and several local governments will split more than \$84 million to support energy efficiency and conservation projects, federal officials announced Thursday, March 26. The funds were released through the federal stimulus act's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," Vice President Joe Biden said. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work - but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The program provides funding for projects that cut fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency. Among other things, money can be used for energy audits, building retrofits, development of advanced building codes and financial incentives. Transportation projects that conserve energy, programs to capture landfill gas emissions and additions of renewable energy sources on government buildings are also eligible.

Of the total amount, nearly \$25 million will be directed to the state energy office. Funding is also being provided to Akron, Beavercreek, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Dublin, Elyria, Euclid, Fairfield, Findlay, Hamilton, Huber Heights, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, Lima, Lorain, Mansfield, Marion, Mentor, Middletown, Newark, Parma, Springfield, Strongsville, Toledo, Warren, Westerville and Youngstown.

The counties being funded are Butler, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Montgomery, Stark, Summit and Warren.

Earlier this month, the Obama Administration announced the state would receive more than \$362 million in weatherization and energy funds.

For more information go to http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=154.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FREE WEBINARS: COUNTIES LEADING IN TOUGH TIMES

The National Association of Counties (NACo) understands that these are very difficult times for counties and their residents. Decreasing revenues and increasing demands for service are forcing you to make some tough budget decisions. NACo knows that counties are ready to lead their communities through these tough times and we are ready to assist you with ideas, programs, webinars and solutions.

NACo will offer a series of free, "Leading in Tough Times" webinars on the following dates to provide information and ideas about coping and recovering from the recession.

- Thursday, April 2, 2:00–3:15 p.m. (EDT)
Implementation of the Stimulus Package: What Counties Need to Know
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/202987993>
- Thursday, May 7, 2:00–3:15 p.m. (EDT)
County Budget Strategies during Recession
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/777059361>
- Thursday, June 11, 2:00–3:15 p.m. (EDT)
Securing the Safety Net and Responding to Social Service Needs
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/810325227>

For more information contact Carrie Clingan, NACo Associate – Community Services, at (202) 942-4246, fax (202) 661-8871 or cclingan@naco.org.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS TRAINING FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is designed to create and save 3.5 million jobs, give 95 percent of American workers an immediate tax cut, invest in roads, bridges, mass transit, energy efficient buildings, and other infrastructure projects, and get the economy moving again by investing quickly into the economy. As part of this economic stimulus package, ARRA provides \$1.2 billion for WIA youth activities, including grants to states for the creation of up to one million jobs for youth. The Act also provides additional funding to serve adults and dislocated workers who have been impacted by the changes occurring in the workforce as a result of the current economy.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Workforce Development will be hosting "Economic Stimulus Training for Workforce Development" training on Monday, April 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The training will be held at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, in Reynoldsburg. Directions and a map of the facility is found at www.agri.ohio.gov/directions.aspx. Seating is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

National speaker John Chamberlin will share best practices and effective methods to implement and manage Stimulus funded programs (i.e. youth, adult and dislocated worker.)

To register for Monday, April 13 training in Reynoldsburg, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=M25N77Wu1hKj1hrYRET1gA_3d_3d

Video conference training will also be offered throughout the state at various locations on Tuesday, April 14 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. To register go to www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=u6sHQI453HUcXjL0HnqVxQ_3d_3d

If you need further information or clarification, please contact Graig Pellman at (614) 644-0677 or Graig.Pellman@jfs.ohio.gov or Kermetta Folmar at (614) 995-0709 or Kermetta.Folmar@jfs.ohio.gov.

COMPMANGEMENT, INC. STATE FUND
WORKERS' COMP TRAINING SEMINARS

Counties who are members of the CCAO Workers' Comp Group Rating Plan and counties who have CompManagement, Inc (CMI) as their workers' comp third party administrator (TPA) should take advantage of a regional training opportunity. On April 20 – May 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., CMI will be offering nine regional one-day training seminars covering topics such as rate calculation, alternative rating programs, safety strategies, occupational wellness, FMLA, and safety accountability. Registration fee (Includes seminar, comprehensive manual, lunch, and break): \$45.00 before April 10 or \$55.00 after April 10. Register on line at www.compmgt.com/statefundseminars .

CLASSIFIEDS

SENIOR MANAGER / FINANCE

The Greene County Commissioners seek a senior manager/finance for the Sanitary Engineering Department. Under general supervision of the sanitary engineer, the senior manager/finance has general administrative control of, and responsibility for, all department fiscal operations, to include revenue and expense control, budgeting, purchasing, financial reporting, debt management, and various related functions; manages and directs finance office personnel and provides functional guidance and information to various other individuals, outside of the internal finance staff, on fiscal related matters.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration (with focus on finance, emphasis on governmental and budgetary accounting); and six years of progressively responsible experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above. CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) or CPFO (Certified Public Finance Officer) certification preferred. Application deadline: **4:00 p.m. p.m. on April 6, 2009**. For more information go to www.co.greene.oh.us/personnel.

DIRECTOR, CHILDREN SERVICES

Chief administrator of county child protective services agency. Responsible for guiding mission to protect children from abuse and neglect and strengthen families; must ensure compliance with federal, state, and local rules and requirements. Masters' degree and/or extensive management-level experience in child protective services required. Strong background in agency management and budgeting desired. Salary range \$75,232-\$99,000 DOE. Submit resume no later than **April 13, 2009** to Mr. Timothy R. Williams, County Administrator, Butler County Government Services Center, 315 High St., 6th Floor, Hamilton, OH 45011. Butler County is an EEO/AA employer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Responsible for preparing, analyzing & monitoring county-wide operational budgets. Prepares long-term financial/operational forecasts, financial analysis and research, and responsible for short and long-term financing transactions. Must have bachelor's degree in accounting, public finance, or equivalent, and extensive knowledge of accounting theory and principles, planning, and budgeting. CPA certification is preferred. Salary range \$79,806-\$105,188. Submit resume no later than **April 13, 2009** to: Mr. Timothy R. Williams, County Administrator, Butler County Government Center, 315 High Street, 6th Floor, Hamilton, OH 45011. Butler County is an EEO/AA employer.

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY

Administers disaster management agency for county, develops and implements emergency operation plans, assists others in disaster planning, coordinates with county, state, and federal officials. Must have bachelor's degree in relevant field, extensive experience in disaster management, Certified Emergency Management desired. Salary minimum of \$60,000, DOE. Apply with resume **April 3, 2009** to EMA Director Selection Committee, c/o Hon. Charles R. Furmon, President of EMA Advisory Board, Butler County Government Services Center, 315 High Street, 6th Floor, Hamilton, OH 45011. Butler County is an EEO/AA employer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Darke County seeks an experienced economic development professional to serve as the executive director of the Darke County Economic Development office. The executive director will be appointed by the Darke County Commission Board and will report to the Darke County Community Improvement Corporation. Position is responsible for overseeing and implementing a bold series of economic development programs throughout the county; developing and leading specific job growth strategies in retention and attraction, as well as serving as liaison for various community development projects.

Qualifications: Bachelors degree in marketing, economics, public administration or related discipline and experience in managing an economic development department. Candidate must have superior communication and interpersonal skills. Successful experience in economic development field including incentives, planning, project financing, marketing, land development and recruitment must be evident in background. Salary range: \$65,000 to \$85,000 plus excellent benefit package. Send resume, work-related references, and salary history by **Friday, April 3, 2009** to: Darke County CIC, PO Box 355 Greenville, Ohio 45331 or email: DBaker@secondnational.com. DOQ. EOE/Drug-free Workplace.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – CHILDREN SERVICES

Clermont County Department of Job & Family Services is accepting applications for the full-time, classified, exempt position of assistant director. Responsible for administering all programs and activities of the Children’s Protective Services division. Applicants must have at a minimum completed undergraduate coursework in business administration, public administration, human services, human resources, finance, or a related field. Requires an additional four-years administrative/managerial experience including managing the fiscal aspects of an organization, agency program, or operational area and assisting in developing and implementing policies, programs, rules and/or regulations. At least one of the four years must have been as a supervisor over subordinate staff. Or education, training and/or

experience in an amount equal to the qualifications stated above. A competitive salary and a full range of benefits are offered. Applications and a job description, including salary and benefit information, can be obtained from www.clermontcountyohio.gov Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 7, 2009. EOE.

DIRECTOR, HOMELAND SECURITY/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Applications are being accepted for a full-time Director of the Knox County Homeland Security/Emergency Management Agency. The Director is responsible for the administrative operation of the Agency and its various functions including countywide 911 Dispatch and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The successful candidate will formulate and lead the County’s response to natural disasters, hazardous materials spills and catastrophic events.

Candidates must have strong leadership, management and communication skills, as well as a comprehensive knowledge of emergency management, emergency response, public administration and public relations. A Bachelor’s Degree in a relevant field or service in public safety (fire, EMS or law enforcement) is preferred.

Must be willing to become CEM certified. Valid Ohio Driver’s license with acceptable record and ability to pass an extensive background check is required.

A detailed position description and application can be found on the County’s website at www.co.knox.oh.us under “County Jobs” heading. Notarized applications along with a resume will be accepted until **4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2009**. Send to Emily Marth, HR/Safety and Loss Control at 117 East High Street, Suite 223, Mount Vernon, OH 43050.

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

