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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 15-19, 2011	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MULTNOMAH COUNTY (PORTLAND), OR
AUGUST 10, 2011	SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES, 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 26, 2011	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, QUEST CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series on “Social Networking for Public Entities” on August 10, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 2nd Wednesday Seminar Series will be held at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

In the 21st Century Americans increasingly expect to be able to use social media and electronic means to access every level of government for public information and government services. Social media is being used to connect the public to government information and services and to provide reciprocal communication between government agencies and the public. Learn from public information officers and legal counsel how social media is being used to connect citizens with county agencies and the challenges that face government agencies in developing social media programs.

The 2nd Wednesday sessions are design to be very interactive, allowing ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and have dialogue directly with the speakers. All sessions are free and parking is available in lot adjacent to the CCAO office. Program details are posted at www.ccao.org Coffee will be served during the morning and lunch will be on your own. Best of all, no registration fee will be charged! To register, contact Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at tmccomas@ccao.org Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

FRANKLIN COUNTY TESTS BIOBASED PRODUCTS

NACo, with support from its Green Government Initiative partners, provided a sample of bio-based products to 17 counties to maintain their facilities and fleets as part of a demonstration project. Bio-based products are made of biological material and biodegradable when released into the environment. Products being provided to the counties included lubricants, paint removers, janitorial cleaning supplies, degreasers, and laser printer cartridges. The goal is to provide counties the opportunity to experiment with new products and empower them to make the decision whether to purchase more environmentally-friendly products.

Franklin County was 1 of the 17 counties in the first round of demonstrations. County employees were provided with several lubricants for fleet vehicles and asked to use the products over a one-month trial period and provide feedback. The bio-based demonstration project is a partnership between NACo and their Green Government Initiative Partners—with leadership from the United Soybean Board and Nutek Green. Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks serves a vice chair of NACo's Green Government Initiative Advisory Board.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO SUPREME COURT RULING KEEPS WORKERS' COMP DATA CLOSED TO PUBLIC

The Ohio Supreme Court effectively ruled that state law exempts from public disclosure data contained in, or pertaining to, claim files of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Justices, without comment, granted a motion from Attorney General Mike DeWine to dismiss a consultant's request for access to computerized information about claims, without any personally identifying information. All seven justices agreed to dismiss the case.

Attorneys for Edward Levine, who advises clients about lowering workers compensation costs and improving medical outcomes of injured workers, sought a court order compelling BWC Administrator Stephen Buehrer to provide the material. Levine initially tried to obtain the data through former Sen. David Goodman, now director of the Ohio Department of Commerce, last November. The agency denied the senator's request as well.

Assistant Attorney General Elise Porter, in asking justices to dismiss the complaint, said Mr. Levine was seeking electronic documents that were statutorily excluded from release under the Public Records Act. She said the law states that a claim file, and other files pertaining to a claim file, may not be examined by anyone without prior authority; that the contents of a claim file are not public records; and that contents of a claim file are for the exclusive use of the BWC and the Industrial Commission of Ohio. "The only reasonable interpretation of the statute as a whole is that the public cannot obtain data, information, or documents contained in the bureau's claim files or any other bureau files that pertain to the claim files without authorization," Ms. Porter said. "The only exception is for journalists, who can only obtain the addresses and telephone numbers and nothing else," she said.

POLLING LOCATION ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

County boards of elections received an announcement from Secretary of State Jon Husted regarding permanent polling location accessibility improvement grant opportunities. Grant funds will be awarded directly to the county board of elections that are interested in making justifiable permanent improvements to polling locations in order to improve the access and participation of individuals with disabilities in the electoral process. County boards of elections with polling locations that meeting the following approval priorities will be given greater consideration when the SOS reviews grant applications for permanent accessibility improvements.

1. **Tax Funded Polling Locations** – public buildings (i.e., supported by taxation under Ohio laws) needing permanent improvements
2. **Matching Funds** – polling location owner provides matching funds to help with the cost. Labor can be substituted for matching funds. Alternative funding sources can be used.
3. **Multiple Justifiable Measures** – permanent improvements must be justified and identified.

More than half of Ohio's nearly 10,000 precincts are assigned voter polling locations in buildings supported by the state through local taxes. One-time federal funds can be leveraged to make permanent improvements at these facilities that will benefit the public not only on Election Day, but year round. For more information, please contact Brett Harbage at (614) 387-6039 or bharbage@sos.state.oh.us

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

30 DAY EXTENSION OF COMMENTS ON "WATERS OF THE U.S." GUIDANCE

On June 27, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers extended the public comment period by 30 days for the draft guidance on "Waters of the U.S." According to the notice, the comment period is extended to July 31 due to state and local governments and other non-governmental requests.

As drafted, changes to the "waters of the U.S." definition will impact ALL Clean Water Act programs. The guidance states, "the term "waters of the U.S." must be interpreted consistently for all CWA provisions that use the term." This includes section 402 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, section 311 oil spill program, section 404 Dredge and Fill permit program, water quality standards and total maximum daily load programs, and State water quality certification processes. It may especially impact counties that own/maintain ditches. For more information, contact Julie Ufner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4269 or jufner@naco.org

If writing a letter, the letter should be addressed to: Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460
Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011- 0409

Comments for the official record can be submitted via: 1) Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> Follow the instructions for submitting comments; or 2) Via e-mail: ow-docket@epa.gov - Include EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0409 in the subject line of the message.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ADMINISTRATION'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

USDA Rural Development is accepting written comments from stakeholders about rural development priorities for President Obama's 2013 budget and 2012 Farm Bill principles. USDA Rural Development implements federal programs that are critical to rural counties such as rural water/wastewater infrastructure, community facilities, broadband expansion, housing, renewable energy and business development initiatives. This is an important opportunity to share insights about how USDA Rural Development can enhance its program administration and delivery to rural counties. It is also an opportunity to bring forward NACo's rural development priorities.

Those interested in submitting written comments are asked to email them to rdregreform@osec.usda.gov Please also copy Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at ejohnston@naco.org so that he may keep track of county priorities that are submitted. There is no deadline for comments, but you are urged to

comment by the end of July in order for them to be timely. For questions, contact USDA Senior Advisor Sylvia Bolivar at (202) 260-8038 or rdregreform@osec.usda.gov

CLASSIFIEDS

BENEFITS SPECIALIST POSITION

Job Responsibilities – Respond to inquiries regarding CEBCO benefits and programs. Answer questions concerning benefit structure and coverage and assist with claims issues. Travel to various counties to review reports and conduct meetings is required. Design and administer presentations for assigned county business. Thorough knowledge of HIPPA and other current health care reform legislation is essential.

Qualifications – High School diploma or equivalent. College preferred. 3-5 years experience in the health insurance industry is preferred. Life and Health license preferred. Valid Ohio driver's license and ability to meet insurance requirements is required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities – the knowledge of health insurance underwriting principles and the ability to understand self-insured products and consortiums is needed. Knowledge of computer programs such as Word and Excel required, along with mathematical and statistical ability. Public speaking experience is necessary.

Salary is commensurate with experience. Please send resume to Managing Director, CEBCO, 209 E. State St., Columbus, OH 43215 or e-mail resume to bsp@ccao.org by **July 22, 2011**. EOE.

ASSISTANT SANITARY ENGINEER

Under the direction of the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer, assists in the planning, direction and coordination of all activities of the Department, including administration, surveying, design, inspection, construction, operation and maintenance of water, sanitary sewer, wastewater treatment, and solid waste landfill and recycling systems. The Department includes the following divisions: Administration, Projects, Maintenance (water and sanitary sewer), Solid Waste Management District and Wastewater Treatment.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited program with a major in civil or environmental engineering; Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio; minimum of three years experience in the design, operation, and maintenance of wastewater collection and water distribution; minimum of three years experience in planning, directing, supervising and coordinating the work of others; documented experience with computer programs (including AutoCad) and GIS preferred; and valid Ohio Driver's license.

Application deadline: **July 29, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** Please apply on-line at www.lucascountyoh.gov or submit a cover letter, resume and professional references to the Lucas County Human Resources/Personnel Department, One Government Center, Suite 450, Toledo, OH 43604. EOE.

ENTERPRISE FUND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Hamilton County Administration has an excellent opportunity for a CFO responsible for the financial affairs of the Metropolitan Sewer District. The successful candidate will have an undergraduate degree in accounting or business w/5 yrs exp in a supervisory capacity, comprehensive knowledge of computer financial accounting systems in a fund accounting environment, familiarity with complex utility rate study analyses, and exposure to complex economic development financing and debt issuance processes and associated documents. Full-time position starting at \$36.64/hr. Application deadline; **August 10, 2011**. For details and to apply, go to www.hamilton-co.org/hr EOE

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

The Licking County Planning Commission is accepting applications for the position of Environmental Planner. This position will report to the Planning Manager and the duties will include floodplain management, solid waste management, wetland review for proposed developments, environmental assessments for CDBG projects, mapping and a variety of similar duties.

Qualified candidates will possess a Bachelor's Degree from a four-year college or university and one to two years' related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

A valid Ohio Driver's license and Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Certification are required and a Certified Professional in Erosion Sediment Control (CPESC) and Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality (CPSWQ) are preferred.

The successful candidate will be proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, Power Point, Outlook, etc.), and ESRI ArcGIS 10 software. The ability to understand HEC-RAS software and interpret and apply the results thereof is preferred.

For more information go to www.lcounty.com or visit the Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, OH 43055. Final candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. Application deadline: **Friday, August 12, 2011**. EOE

PLANNING DIRECTOR

The Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC) is seeking a qualified director to provide leadership and direction for the overall operation of planning. This is an unclassified position that reports to the Planning Commission. The Director will operate under the administrative policies and procedures of the Licking County Board of County Commissioners but serves at the pleasure of the LCPC.

This position acts as a visionary and identifies issues and will recommend plans of action to improve and enhance the quality of life for the inhabitants of Licking County on behalf of the Planning Commission and the Licking County Board of Commissioners.

Qualified applicants must possess a Bachelor's Degree and six to eight years experience in Planning and/or Development or equivalent combination of education and experience. A minimum of two years of supervisory experience in required. A Master's Degree in a related field is preferred.

Successful candidates will possess a Valid Ohio Driver's License and an American Institute of Certified Planner Certification (AICP) as well as extensive knowledge of land-use, zoning, planning process, access management, and transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and governmental policies, procedures and operations. A working knowledge of Community and Economic Development rules and regulations are a must.

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