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MAY 9, 2012	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE CALL
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MAY 17, 2012	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 8, 2012	CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, DOUBLETREE COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON, COLUMBUS
JULY 13-17, 2012	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 8: ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

CCAO invites all county commissioners, affiliates and guests to the CCAO Summer Seminar to be held June 8, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, in Columbus. For **directions** to the hotel go to http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/CMHWNDT-DoubleTree-by-Hilton-Hotel-Columbus-Worthington-Ohio/directions.do#localmap

All **conference educational sessions** will take place on Friday, June 8. Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. There will be one registration fee for all attendees that will include conference registration, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch.

These **affiliate organizations** will be meeting at the Summer Seminar: County Administrators Association, County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association, Ohio County Dog Wardens Association, and Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio.

Conference Registration: For the first time, you will have the opportunity to register online at www.ccao.co/registration. Register for the conference by May 25, 2012 to receive the discounted rate. **REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.** For registration information please contact Ali

Redmond, CCAO Accountant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, fax (614) 221-6986, or onlinereg@ccao.org
RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS TO CCAO, 209 EAST STATE STREET, COLUMBUS, OH 43215.

Cancellation Policy: Refund of Conference registration fee, less an administrative fee of \$25 will be made if written notice of conference registration cancellation is postmarked no later than May 25, 2012.

Room Reservations: If you would like to arrive the evening before the seminar, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington. Room rate: \$94 single/double. Cut off date: May 25, 2012. Please make reservations by calling (614) 885-3334 or (800) 870-0349 and mention CCAO for the discounted rate or register online at http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CMHWNDT-CEA-20120604/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY HEALTH & WELLNESS INITIATIVES – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

As counties strive to improve the delivery of services while restraining county expenses, controlling the growth of healthcare costs is a top priority. Learn from professionals in the field the key elements of a wellness program, how to build a wellness program through the involvement of county officials, employees and the community, and how a wellness program can improve employee morale and performance while creating a healthy work environment.

All 2nd Wednesday's Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, in Columbus. Register for this FREE program by e-mail to 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. Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes promptly at 12:30 p.m., and lunch is on your own after the program.

A workshop flyer is attached to this issue of CIDS and linked on the front page of www.ccao.org. There is no charge to attend. If you would like to register, please contact Tanya. If you have questions regarding the substance of the program, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at bcole@ccao.org

2012-13 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's Annual Conference is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon, July 17 in Allegheny County (Pittsburg), PA. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Olen Jackson (Morrow) and Daniel Troy (Lake).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, via fax (614) 221-6986 or llong@ccao.org by **May 29, 2012**.

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION NEWS

CCAO'S FIRST WORKERS' COMP GROUP RETRO PROGRAM ACHIEVES SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS FOR COUNTIES

CCAO launched the first Group Retrospective Rating Program (Group Retro) for counties in 2010, the first year the BWC allowed such programs, with a projected premium savings of 13%. Fifteen counties joined Group Retro the first year: Belmont, Champaign, Coshocton, Fairfield, Fayette, Gallia, Geauga, Hocking, Mercer, Monroe, Ottawa, Seneca, Union, Vinton, and Williams.

The emphasis of Group Retro is workplace safety and effective claims management. Counties in Group Retro pay their full premium to the BWC at the start of the program. One year following the end of the program year the BWC will evaluate the claims experience of the group as a whole. If the group's claims costs are lower than expected, the group will receive a rebate. If the group's claims are higher than expected, up to 5% of premium can be assessed.

We have just finished the evaluation for the 2010 Group Retro Program. The Group has exceeded expectations and achieved a 21% savings! Counties in the Group will receive over \$977,000 in premium rebates from the BWC! Congratulations to all the counties in the 2010 Group Retro Program. Their safety and claims management programs have paid off, and will continue to do so.

WHICH WORKERS' COMP MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION IS RIGHT FOR YOU? OPEN ENROLLMENT APRIL 30TH THROUGH MAY 25TH

The 2012 workers' comp open enrollment period is upon us! Once again, Ohio employers will have the opportunity to select the managed care organization (MCO) they want to handle their workers' comp claims for the next two years. Counties can expect a marketing blitz as companies compete for their business. **If you are satisfied with your current MCO, you do not need to do anything to continue with that company.**

Here are some key questions to consider in evaluating your MCO:

- Does the organization provide and quantify significant medical savings?
- Do they have a strong return to work rate which ensures your employees are returning to the job in a safe, quick, and effective manner?
 - ***It is important to take into consideration the return to work rate published by BWC on the MCO report card and not statistics that some MCOs utilize at times to make themselves look good.***
- Do they provide personal service including dedicated account executives and nurse case managers, quarterly meetings, on-site nurses, regional workshops, and workers' compensation program assessments?
- Do they have a full-time medical director on staff to provide services including availability at workshops, training, claim staffings, provider communication and partnership planning?
- Is the organization committed to online services by providing sophisticated clinical editing and bill review platforms, full imaging/scanning services, and 24 hour real time online access to your claim status, diagnosis, medical information, staff notes and medical documents?

CCAO endorses **CompManagement Health Systems (CHS) as our preferred MCO partner.** To learn more about CHS and the 2012 open enrollment, please visit them on-line at: <http://www.chsmco.com/OpenEnrollment/default.aspx> . CHS is also available at 1-888-247-7799, press option 1; or contact Beth Miller at CCAO (emiller@ccao.org) if you have any questions.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

WOOD & GREENE COUNTIES RANK IN TOP 10 FOR SMALL & MID-SIZED COUNTIES IN 2012

Fourth Economy Consulting announced a new index listing top counties based on key attributes and sizes from across the nation. The “Fourth Economy Community (FEC) Index” lists the nation’s top counties in four different size categories (i.e., small, mid, large and micro counties). These categories feature counties based on population that are ideally positioned to attract modern investment and managed economic growth. The FEC Index considers several county-level measures within five areas: 1) investment, 2) talent, 3) sustainability, 4) place, and 5) diversity. These five areas serve as a foundation for future economic success to include wage and employment growth, education levels, drive times, home values, minority business ownership, agricultural capacity, and population density. The top ten counties in each category are a blend of rural and urban in character, offering their residents diverse living and working options.

Small-Sized County Category:

#9 **Wood County** - FEC Index Score of 1.46 and an Innovation Capacity of A. Population: 125,488.

Mid-Sized County Category:

#6 **Greene County** - FEC Index Score of 2.0 and an Innovation Capacity of A-. Population: 161,000

The FEC Index Scores are on a 0 to 4.5 scale. Key data collected includes wage and employment growth, education levels, drive times, home values, minority business ownership, agricultural capacity, and population density. The measures are weighted based on the level of influence they have on both internal and external investment decisions. Innovation Capacity is determined by the online source of StatsAmerica (www.statsamerica.org) for factors such as human capital, state policy context and productivity. Large and Micro-sized communities will be announced later this year. For more information, go to <http://fourtheconomy.com/initiatives/fourth-economy-index/#anchor2>

STATE FAIR BEDROCK MAP OF OHIO PROJECT: ROCKS & PHOTOS NEEDED

The 2012 State Fair will have a new exhibit in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources area. It will be a plaza with a 25’x 25’ geologic bedrock map of Ohio overlaid with the county lines. This exhibit will be the world’s largest geologic map and will be the same size as the popular Ohio map located on the floor in the Statehouse Map Room. State Fair goers will be able to stand on their county and see the type of bedrock beneath it. Visitors will be able to see examples from each geologic period on the path around the map.

Thanks to the following counties that will be participating: Ashland, Champaign, Clermont, Crawford, Franklin, Licking, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Washington, and Wayne.

There are several ways your county can participate:

1. **Let the project link to the county website.** Send us a link to the page with the best geological information and give us permission to include that content in a mobile site connected with the QR code. This might be the county topographical map, water maps, or OSU extension information. The shorter and more visual the information, the longer the visitor will look!
2. **Send a big example of what was made from the bedrock in your county’s past and the history to go with it.** The committee wants a big rock heavy enough so it won’t be carried off. If that history is already on a county, business or historical society’s website, send the web address.
3. **Websites linking places with pictures and information about your county bedrock’s uses or places where visitors can go and see examples.** Examples: businesses, historical societies,

chambers of commerce, travel and/or tourism office, convention and tourism office, parks and recreation sites, etc.

For more information, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, who is coordinating this portion of the exhibit, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org **The deadline to respond was May 1.**

STATE ACTIVITIES

COUNTIES ARE TO NOTIFY EMPLOYEES OF FRAUD HOTLINE AS OF MAY 4

As of TODAY, May 4, counties and other public employers are to notify their staff of the effective day of HB 66, Ohio's fraud-reporting system and the means of reporting fraud. In addition, each new employee hired after May 4 is to be given such information and confirm receipt of it within thirty days after starting employment. These requirements were included in HB 66, sponsored by Rep. Ross McGregor (R-Springfield). An example of language describing the state's system follows:

Example language regarding the Auditor of State's fraud reporting system:

The Ohio Auditor of State's (AOS) office maintains a system for the reporting of fraud, including misuse of public money by any official or office. The system allows all Ohio citizens, including public employees, the opportunity to make anonymous complaints through a toll free number, the Auditor of State's website, or through the United States mail.

Auditor of State's fraud contact information:

Telephone: 1-866-FRAUD OH (1-866-372-8364)

US Mail: Ohio Auditor of State's office
Special Investigations Unit
88 East Broad Street
P.O. Box 1140
Columbus, OH 43215

Web: www.ohioauditor.gov

The law also requires the AOS to provide a model form that can be used in providing such notice. Access this bulletin on the Auditor of State's web site: <http://www.ohioauditor.gov/services/lgs/bulletins/2012/2012-003.pdf>

The notice requirement for existing or new employees also can be satisfied by including information about the fraud-reporting system and the means of reporting fraud in the employee handbook or manual for the public office. An employee must sign and verify the employee's receipt of such handbook/manual. The law requires the Auditor to confirm, when conducting an audit under Section 117.11 of the Revised Code, that new employees have been provided such mandatory information.

HB 66 also codifies operation of the Fraud Hotline in the Auditor of State's office which started in 2003. The system allows all Ohio citizens the opportunity to make anonymous complaints through a toll-free telephone number, the Auditor of State's website, or through the United States' mail.

The Auditor of State is required to keep a log of all complaints filed. The log is a public record and must contain the following: the date the complaint was received, a general description of the nature of the complaint, the name of the public office or agency with regard to which the complaint is directed, and a general description of the status of the review by the Auditor's office. Information in the log may be redacted if Section 149.43 of the

Revised Code or another statute provides an applicable exemption. During the course of Auditor of State investigations, information will be redacted in order to conduct thorough investigations.

Finally, the legislation also extends the current whistle-blower protections contained in Section 124.341 of the Revised Code to employees who file a complaint with the new fraud reporting system. If a classified or unclassified employee becomes aware of a situation and reports it to the Auditor of State's fraud-reporting system, the employee is protected against certain retaliatory or disciplinary actions. If retaliatory or disciplinary action is taken against the employee, the employee has the right to appeal with the State Personnel Board of Review.

If you have questions about HB 66, please contact CCAO Managing Director of Policy Cheryl Subler at (614) 2220-7980, (888) 757-1904 or csubler@ccao.org

OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame honors veterans for their achievements and contributions through public and community service. The 2012 Induction Ceremony will be held on November 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Museum of the Air Force, 1100 Spaatz Street, Wright Patterson AFB. The deadline for the submission of nomination packets to be considered for the Class of 2012 is June 30, 2012. To download the guidelines and nomination form go to http://www.dvs.ohio.gov/veterans_hall_of_fame.aspx or call Karen Kish at (614) 752-8941.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MARKS UP FARM BILL

The Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee approved its version of the 2012 Farm Bill on April 26 by bipartisan vote of 16-5. The Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012 does not provide mandatory funding for the Rural Development Title, which received \$150 million in the 2008 bill. An amendment by Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown was offered that would have added \$260 million in mandatory funding but was withdrawn. NACo will work to add mandatory funding when the bill reaches the Senate floor, which could occur in May.

NACo's efforts to make the Rural Development title work better for county governments was successful as numerous policy changes, such as a new technical assistance component for community facilities, streamlining of applications, and a new focus on funding coordinated and strategic regional rural development efforts were included. NACo spearheaded a coalition letter to the Senate Agriculture Committee that outlines concerns and positive aspects of the Rural Development Title.

GRANTS

FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM GRANTS AVAILABLE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) provides funding to improve and expand domestic farmers' markets and other types of direct-to-consumer food market operations. Nearly \$10 million is available to eligible entities including local governments. Priority will be given to projects in low-income areas or areas considered to be "food deserts." Deadline: May 21, 2012. For more information, [click here](#).

SECTION 319 NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECT GRANTS

In 1987 the federal Clean Water Act amendments created a national program to control nonpoint source pollution, established under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C 1329). Ohio EPA is the designated water quality agency responsible for administering the Ohio 319 program. Since 1990, Ohio EPA has annually applied for, received and distributed Section 319 grant funds to correct NPS caused water quality impairment to Ohio's surface water resources. Section 319(h) implementation grant funding is targeted to Ohio waters where NPS pollution is a significant cause of aquatic life use impairments. The cornerstone of Ohio's 319 program is working with watershed groups and others who are implementing locally developed watershed management plans and restoring surface waters impaired by NPS pollution.

Grant application deadline: close of business June 1, 2012. Grants up to \$250,000 will be awarded for the implementation of projects that address nonpoint source pollution and/or storm water runoff and result in water quality improvements in Ohio's streams, rivers and lakes. Water quality improvement projects eligible for grant funding include: innovative storm water management projects; stream restoration and re-naturalization; riparian restoration and protection; and wetland restoration and protection.

Go to <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/nps/319Program.aspx> for grant program documents.

NACo ACTIVITIES

RODGERS TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2012-13

Chris Rodgers, Douglas County (Nebraska) Commissioner and NACo 1st Vice President, will have the privilege of making the following presidential leadership and committee appointments to his 2012-13 Leadership Team. Please note: Steering committee membership is not a part of this application process. The NACo president appoints only the steering committee leadership. CCAO is responsible for nominating the general steering committee members from Ohio. More information about steering committee nomination will be available soon.

- **Steering Committee Leadership** – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair, vice-chairs, subcommittee chairs, and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. These appointments are for one year. **This does not include steering committee membership nominations. CCAO will process steering committee membership nominations in early June.**
- **Caucus Leadership** – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committees chair and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. These appointments are for one year.
- **At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors** – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board.
- **Standing Committees** – Four committees (i.e., Finance, Information Technology, Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)
- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Eight committees (i.e., Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee, NACo Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, Arts and Culture Commission, Green Government Advisory Board, Healthy Counties Advisory Board, International Economic Development Task Force, Veterans & Military Services Committee, and Cybersecurity Task Force.)

The application is available online at www.naco.org Click on About NACo>Committees and Caucuses>Presidential Appointments. **Application deadline: June 4, 2012.** If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

SEMINARS/WEBINARS

OHIO BROWNFIELD CONFERENCE – MAY 23-24

The Ohio Brownfield Conference will be hosted by the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization (DERR) on May 23-24, 2012 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in Columbus. Government, non-profit and student registration fee: \$125 (includes admission to all sessions and the exhibit hall; breakfast, lunch and breaks, and exhibit hall mixer on Wednesday evening). For conference registration information go to http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/Brownfield_Conference2012.aspx

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2012-012

1. The term "surface mining truck," as used in R.C. 5577.043(A)(1), means a "vehicle," as defined in R.C. 4501.01(A), used to haul minerals upon Ohio's improved public highways and streets.
2. A deputy sheriff shall exercise his discretion in determining whether R.C. 5577.043(A)(1)(b) applies in a particular situation involving minerals that are transferred as personal property from one person to another by contract. In exercising his discretion, the deputy sheriff must consider the written terms of the contract and, if necessary, R.C. 1302.42 or any evidence that indicates when the seller and buyer intended the buyer to take ownership, dominion, and control over the minerals. If a deputy sheriff determines that a buyer acquired ownership, dominion, and control over the minerals prior to a surface mining truck transporting the minerals to another location, R.C. 5577.043(A)(1)(b) does not apply and the truck may not exceed the vehicle weight provisions of R.C. 5577.01-.09 by the percentage allowances of R.C. 5577.043(A)-(B). If a deputy sheriff determines that a buyer will acquire ownership, dominion, and control over the minerals after a surface mining truck transports the minerals from the place where the minerals are loaded to another place, R.C. 5577.043(A)(1)(b) will apply and the truck may exceed the vehicle weight provisions of R.C. 5577.01-.09 by the percentage allowances of R.C. 5577.043(A)-(B).

CLASSIFIEDS

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
Assistant County Administrator	Clermont County Human Resources May 18, 2012 http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/2012ACA.aspx
EMS Director	Athens County Commissioners May 31, 2012 www.athenscountygovernment.com
9-1-1 Communications Director	Delaware County Commissioners June 1, 2012 http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/hr/jobs/9-1-1%20Communications%20Director.pdf