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| JUNE 28, 2012 | CORSA MANDATORY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRAINING, CLINTON COUNTY AIRPARK, WILMINGTON |
| JUNE 29, 2012 | SE OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, OLDE DUTCH RESTAURANT, HOCKING COUNTY (LOGAN) |
| JULY 10, 2012 | CORSA MANDATORY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRAINING, ASHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNEX, ASHLAND |
| JULY 11, 2012 | MARCS - COMMUNICATION SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| JULY 13-17, 2012 | NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA |
| JULY 14, 2012 | OHIO DELEGATION CAUCUS AT THE NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER – ROOM 333, ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA |
| JULY 16, 2012 | PHASE II OF THE OHIO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW, LOCATION TO-BE-DETERMINED |
| JULY 17, 2012 | CORSA MANDATORY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRAINING, HENRY COUNTY EMS OFFICE, NAPOLEON |
| JULY 20, 2012 | CCAO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS |
| JULY 23, 2012 | PHASE II OF THE OHIO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW BY OHIO EPA, LOCATION TO-BE-DETERMINED |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

1ST ANNUAL CEBCO WELLNESS WALKING CHALLENGE RESULTS

This month, CEBCO partnered with the American Heart Association for our 1st Annual Walking Challenge. Counties within the CEBCO program competed for an additional \$1,000 of Wellness Grant money. First of all – here are some terrific statistics: of the 9,577 employees enrolled with CEBCO; 1,067 enrolled in the Walking Challenge!

Largest # of Average Steps per person:

- 122,451-Williams County, 102,634-Allen County, 94,452-Champaign County, 93,849-Carroll County, and 90,445-Butler County

Largest # of Total Steps:

- 20,013,767-Allen County, 16,008,927-Butler County, 10,083,755-Clark County, 7,735,332-Delaware County, and 7,625,240-Ashtabula County

Total Distance Traveled in Miles:

- 9,611.89 miles-Allen County, 7,697.63 miles-Butler County, 3,795.9 miles-Delaware County, and 3,546.4 miles-Ashtabula County

Largest Percentage of Employee Participation:

- 41.5%-Allen County, 28.75%-Champaign County and 16%-Ashtabula County

Congratulations to all the Allen County employees – winners of the challenge – for earning an additional \$1000 for Allen County’s Wellness Program!

Thanks to all the counties that participated for doing a great job! For more information, please contact Wendy Dillingham, CEBCO Senior Benefit Specialist, at (614) 220-7992, (888) 757-1904 or wdillingham@ccao.org

MARCS - COMMUNICATION SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

MARCS is Ohio’s computer and communications network designed to provide voice and data communication as well as a communications backbone to statewide public safety and emergency management. In the past year, there have been several events where coordination of responses and support from multiple jurisdictions was enabled through MARCS. The Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS), which oversees MARCS, has been authorized by the Ohio General Assembly, with Controlling Board Approval, to upgrade the MARCS system to Project 25 standards and a 700/800 MHz platform. Joining MARCS can help offset expensive upgrades to end of life radio systems. Reduce the complexity of mission critical communications by moving to a shared service platform — MARCS.

Join CCAO on Wednesday, July 11 for a 2nd Wednesday Seminar on “MARCS – Communication Shared Services Program.” 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 If you have questions regarding the substance of the program, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or bcole@ccao.org

CCAO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET JULY 20

CCAO President and Workforce Development Committee Chair Deborah Lieberman (Montgomery) has scheduled a meeting of the CCAO Workforce Development Committee meeting on Friday, July 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Rich Frederick, Director of the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation, has requested to join the committee to discuss the Administration’s current and future efforts to better streamline the system.

Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP your attendance to Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at tmccomas@ccao.org by Friday, July 13. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Laura Abu-Absi, CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7996 or LAbu-Absi@ccao.org

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

DEFIANCE COUNTY – A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

On Saturday, June 9, 2012, Defiance County honored veterans with a parade and the Board of Defiance County Commissioners proclaiming Defiance County a “Purple Heart Community”, the second county in Ohio with Purple Heart designation. In a time when people are so busy and lives are so demanding, hundreds of citizens turned out to honor Defiance County veterans from all wars and from peace time. The Purple Heart Ceremony was reminiscent of events that took place in the early twentieth century – at the steps of the County Courthouse. A Purple Heart Flag presented by members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart was raised at the event. Road signs pronouncing Defiance County a “Purple Heart County” will be placed throughout the county – near schools and entryways to cities, villages and townships – in an effort to create awareness for the service and sacrifice of men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

A letter to the Defiance County Veteran’s Office from retired USMC Major General Lawrence Livingston, one of northwest Ohio’s most decorated veterans, was read at the ceremony and summed up the patriotism of Defiance County. “I was encouraged to hear of your designation of Defiance County as a Purple Heart County. It is heartwarming to know that despite the large number of Americans who have turned President John Kennedy’s words around to read “what can your country do for you,” there are still Americans in the heartland who strongly support our veterans. I commend the County Commissioners and you [Veterans Office] on your achievement, along with the rest of Defiance County who made this designation possible. Freedom is not free and the two most recent servicemen from Northwest Ohio who were WIA sadly remind us of that fact...Again, thanks to the Commissioners, you and all the other personnel involved in both the parade and achieving the Purple Heart designation. I would expect nothing less from Defiance County. ”

STATE ACTIVITIES

GRANT OPPORTUNITY: OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUND

Need funding for your public education efforts related to environmental topics? The Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) at the Ohio EPA awards nearly \$1 million annually in general grants up to \$50,000 and mini grants up to \$5,000. Applications are accepted for projects targeting three audiences: the general public, the regulated community, and pre-school to university students and teachers. Grants have been awarded to counties, park districts, health departments, soil and water conservation districts, as well as regional planning agencies, local emergency planning committees, school districts, JVS/career centers and non-profit organizations.

Examples of recently funded grants include:

- \$15,550 to Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation for site enhancements on a city block to demonstrate vacant land reuse strategies such as a community garden, rain garden, native wildflower plantings, lead removal, and vacant land stabilization.
- \$17,085 to Licking County Health Department for workshops, mailings, and a tracking and reminder system to help homeowners understand the importance of proper maintenance of household sewage treatment systems.

- \$44,950 to the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, \$4,931 to the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District, and \$15,821 to the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District to train local residents as volunteer water quality monitors.
- \$50,000 to Butler County Storm Water District for local television news and weather segments on the environment, with an accompanying Website.
- \$5,000 to Preservation Parks of Delaware County for interpretive signs about reclamation of farmland to restore wetlands and vernal pools, and \$4,502 to Clermont County Parks for interpretive signs about the importance of riparian forests.
- \$5,000 to Mahoning County Engineer's Office for watershed identification signs for stream crossings on county roads.
- \$1,000 to Portage County Water Resources and Portage Local Emergency Planning Committee for printed materials about drinking water and wastewater treatment, water emergencies, and source water protection.
- \$2,218 to Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District to provide a review class for storm water and construction professionals to obtain certification in construction site erosion, sediment runoff controls and post construction storm water management.
- \$5,000 to Knox County Health Department, and \$5,000 to Jefferson/Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority to provide programs for K-12 students and teachers on solid waste issues, recycling, landfills, composting, and nonpoint source pollution.
- \$50,000 to CCAO to [train local officials serving on solid waste](#) policy committees about solid waste management planning requirements.

OEEF grants are funded with civil penalties collected by Ohio EPA for pollution violations. The next application deadlines are July 16, 2012, and January 15, 2013. An electronic letter of intent to apply must be submitted online at least a week before the application deadline. Application guidelines and descriptions of past projects are posted at www.epa.ohio.gov/oeef

For additional information, please contact the OEEF at (614) 644-2873 or oeef@epa.state.oh.us. Staff members are happy to discuss project ideas and eligibility. Applicants who complete a draft of their grant proposal before the deadline may request a pre-review and suggestions from the staff. OEEF grant writing workshops are offered several times a year.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFERS PUBLIC RECORDS MEDIATION

Attorney General Mike DeWine is initiating a mediation program to help settle disputes over records requests lodged with local governments. The program will be open to either party in disagreement over records as long as both sides agree to the mediation. The OAG's Public Records Unit will conduct the mediation.

"The Ohio Public Records Act is one of the most comprehensive open government laws in the nation," Mr. DeWine said in a release. "The Ohio Attorney General's Public Records Mediation Program will protect the rights and interests of both Ohioans and their local officials by helping resolve disputes before parties turn to time consuming and costly litigation." The AG's program will seek to resolve disputes over public records requests that have been alleged to be improperly denied or not responded to in a reasonable period of time. The mediations are limited to disputes involving public entities such as county and city governments, township boards of trustees, school boards, and village councils.

Mediation requests may be submitted online through the [OAG's website](#), which also contains information on [Ohio's sunshine laws](#). For more information call (888) 958-5088.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

WILLIAMS NAMED IGA DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Former Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams was named the new Deputy Director of the [Office of Intergovernmental Affairs](#). In this role, Jay will lead the White House's local engagement with mayors, county and municipal officials across the country. Williams served as the Mayor of Youngstown from 2006 to 2011, where he led a number of efforts to improve the economy and quality of life for the citizens of Youngstown.

Prior to joining the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Jay was the executive director of the Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, working with state and local stakeholders in areas affected by the changing American automotive industry to ensure that they receive the federal support necessary to help them create a more stable, prosperous economy.

SENATE CONTINUES TO DEBATE FARM BILL; BROWN AMENDMENT BACKED BY NACo

Floor consideration of the Farm Bill in the Senate continued to get bogged down last week over disagreements over the number and type of amendments that would receive a vote. A total of 280 amendments have already been filed and Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has blocked efforts to bring forward non-germane amendments to the floor. The Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012, S. 3240, enjoys bipartisan support, yet still faces strong opposition from southern Senators and the threat of non-germane amendments derailing the whole package.

NACo is continuing to advocate for passage of the overall bill and is leading efforts to build support for Amdt. 2362 offered by Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown that would provide \$295 million in mandatory funding to several key rural development programs. The funding would come from savings above the \$23 billion deficit reduction target set by the Senate. This amendment would reinstate mandatory rural development funding for the water and wastewater infrastructure backlog, Value-Added Producer Grants, Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, Rural Energy Savings Programs and support for new and beginning farmers and ranchers. The amendment has 10 co-sponsors from other states.

For more information [click here](#) or contact Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4230 or ejohnston@naco.org

SENATE PANEL APPROVES LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION FUNDING MEASURE

On Thursday, June 14, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the 2013 Labor/HHS/Education funding bill by a vote of 16-14. The bill provides over \$158 billion in domestic discretionary spending. [Click here](#) for the NACo analysis.

ETA ISSUES PROGRAM GUIDANCE FOR WIA TITLE I PROGRAMS

On June 8, 2012 the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued its annual Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 33-11 for WIA Title I programs. The purpose of this TEGL is to:

- Communicate the ETA's program and policy priorities for the formula-funded Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Wagner-Peyser programs in Program Year 2012.
- Share resources, tools, and strategies the workforce system can use to support the implementation of these program and policy priorities.

- Provide technical assistance and support to states and local areas in the development of 2012 State Workforce Plans.

To view the TEGL, [please click](#) here. For more information, contact Deseree Gardner, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4204 or dgardner@naco.org

NACo ACTIVITIES

JFS COLLABOR8 CALL CENTER PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Marion County Commissioners along with the county’s Department of Job & Family Services have been notified that the multi-county project known as the “[Collabor8](#) Virtual Call Center” has been judged as “Best of Category in Human Services” as well as designated to receive a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for 2012. Partner counties sharing this award are Delaware, Hancock, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Sandusky, and Wood.

Implemented in January, 2012, the project utilizes call center and digital case management technology to provide access to public assistance programs across seven counties while sharing county resources. The project gained support from Michael Colbert, Director of the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services which transformed the county concept into an operational pilot project.

Roxane Somerlot, Director, Marion County Job & Family Services, spoke about [Collabor8](#) at the June 13th CCAO 2nd Wednesday Seminar. For more information about the project, please contact Roxane at (740) 386-1000, Fax 740-387-2175 or somerr@odjfs.state.oh.us

SEMINARS & WEBINARS

OHIO RCAP’S RURAL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

The Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) will host their annual conference - “Small Towns, Big Futures” – on August 14 & 15, 2012 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton Hotel, 3900 Chagrin Drive, in Columbus. Four educational tracks with the following themes will be offered: Infrastructure, Leadership/Management, Economic Development, and Intensive Economic Development.

Registration: \$300 - full conference, \$175 - Tuesday only or \$175 - Wednesday only – by August 1. For registrations received after August 1, add \$25 to the total. For more conference and registration information, contact Ohio RCAP at (800) 775-9767 or www.ohioracp.org

Ohio RCAP is located in the Great Lakes region, which also serves the states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The Great Lakes RCAP is operated by the WSOS Community Action Commission, located in Fremont.

PROJECT FUNDING FORUMS

The Project Funding Forums, sponsored by The Montrose Group, LLC, will explain how the State of Ohio can assist your county to succeed through shared services funding. The free Forums are conducted in cooperation with CCAO, CEAO, Columbus Chamber, and Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Forums dates and locations:

July 9, 2012 - Northern Ohio Project Funding Forum, Doubletree Hotel, 6200 Quarry Lane (I-77 & Rockside Road), Independence. [Click here](#) to register for the Forum in northern Ohio.

July 16, 2012 - Central and Southern Ohio Project Funding Forum, The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus. [Click here](#) to register for the Forum in central and southern Ohio.

The Forums will focus on building public-public partnerships to create national shared service models and will cover a range of topics:

- What is the Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund Program and how can schools & local governments build partnerships that will gain funding from this important program?
- What lessons were learned from Round One of funding of the Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund Program?
- What do successful applicants to the Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund have to say about building shared services projects?
- What role will State Auditor Dave Yost's "Skinny Ohio" and Governor Kasich's "Beyond Boundaries: A Shared Services Action Plan for Ohio Schools" play in pushing shared services from a state budget and policy standpoint?
- How can quality grant writing and government relations advocacy play a role in funding shared services projects?

For further information, please contact David Robinson at (614) 738 2109, drobinson@montrosegroupllc.com or www.montrosegroupllc.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

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2012-020

Judgments for unpaid court costs owed to the clerk of court for the court of common pleas are judgments in favor of the state for the purpose of determining dormancy under R.C. 2329.07.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Deputy Director, Finance	Franklin County JFS Applications accepted until position is filled
Talent Coordinator	Licking County Commissioners June 25, 2012
Class III Water Plant Operator	Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District June 29, 2012
Director, Communications Center	Hamilton County Commissioners July 6, 2012
Economic Development – Executive Director	Wood County Commissioners July 11, 2012
Asst. Computer Operations Manager Position	Auglaize County July 13, 2012