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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| NOVEMBER 16, 2012   | CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS                                                       |
| DECEMBER 9-11, 2012 | CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS                                     |
| MARCH 2-6, 2013     | NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. (REGISTRATION OPENS ON NOVEMBER 27) |

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### CAB 2012-08: ALLOCATION OF THE WORKERS' COMP ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INCURRED BY COUNTIES

County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) [2012-08](#) on the "Allocation of the Workers' Compensation Administrative Expenses Incurred by Counties" was published this week. One section of HB 509, the Local Government Mid-Biennium Review budget bill, authorizes counties to cost allocate administrative expenses incurred in management of the county's workers' compensation premium to other county offices and departments. As such, CCAO has updated the CAB 2005-01 on "Allocation of Workers Compensation Costs to Non-General Funds on the Basis of Exposure and Loss Experience" on the cost allocation of workers' compensation premium to reflect the new law around administrative costs.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES: HOUSING FORECLOSURE CHALLENGE: FORECLOSURE PREVENTION, MEDIATION & LAND BANKING

CCAO encourages commissioners and other county officials to attend the next CCAO 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminar Series on the "Housing Foreclosure Challenge: Foreclosure Prevention, Mediation and Land Banking" on November 14, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminar Series is held at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

In response to the housing foreclosure crisis in Ohio, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency is providing financial assistance to unemployed and underemployed Ohioans utilizing federal foreclosure prevention funding. In addition to financial assistance provided by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, homeowners at risk of foreclosure due to unemployment or underemployment may utilize the Foreclosure Mediation Program offered by the Ohio Supreme Court. When foreclosure prevention fails, local officials in certain counties may utilize land banking in order to assist certain communities with the reclamation, rehabilitation, and reutilization of vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties. County officials are encouraged to attend this program to learn

more about the assistance that is available for financially troubled homeowners and the option of land banking in certain counties when property has been abandoned or foreclosed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday sessions are designed to be interactive, allowing ample opportunity for attendees to ask questions and have dialogue directly with speakers. All sessions are free and parking is available in the lot adjacent to the CCAO office. A flyer is posted at [www.ccao.org](http://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](mailto:tmccomas@ccao.org) Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent.

#### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN INVESTMENT SEMINAR WITH COUNTY TREASURERS' ASSOCIATION

The County Treasurer's Association of Ohio (CTAO) has invited CCAO to attend a session during their Fall Conference to hear a discussion on investments as authorized in ORC Chapter 135. The presentation will feature Mike Morrison, CTAO's lobbyist; Dennis Yacobozzi, President and Founder of United American Capital Corporation; and Bill Scanlon, Chief Investment Officer of Productive Capital Management. Dennis and Bill are long-time local government investment advisors.

This should be an excellent session to discuss Ohio's Investment Law including changes that took place recently in HB 225 and HB 487 as explained in County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) [2012-02](#) The goal of this session is to enhance communication and coordination between our organizations as we look into the future on investment policy issues.

The session will be held on Wednesday, November 14, from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. CTAO's Fall Conference will be held at the Marriott at Tuttle Crossing, 5605 Blazer Pkwy., in Dublin. Participation is limited to 30-50 commissioners or their representatives. Commissioners on the County Investment Advisory Board will find the session especially useful. Please confirm your attendance with Amanda Jones, [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) by Thursday, November 8.

Also, please note that this is the **same day** as CCAO's November 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminar on "The Housing Foreclosure Challenge: Foreclosure Prevention, Mediation & Land Banking" which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the CCAO office. **See the above article for registration information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminar.**

#### CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE PROGRAM UPDATE

Join CCAO/CEAO for our 132<sup>ND</sup> Annual Winter Conference to be held on December 9-11, 2012 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus. Registration materials were emailed to county commissioners, county engineers and their staff, CCAO/CEAO affiliate members, and vendors today. For the first time, you have the opportunity to [register for the conference online](#).

In the past, the Conference ended on Wednesday at noon. To save county officials time away from the office and additional lodging cost, the Conference will end this year after the Tuesday Luncheon. All meetings and the trade show will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center which opens up more opportunities for exhibitors to participate, because there are no load limits in the exhibit hall.

Another change is the hotel room blocks. The headquarters hotel will be the *new* [Hilton Downtown Hotel](#), which is connected to the GCCC via an enclosed walkway. The Sunday night reception, hospitality suites, and a block of hotel rooms are at the Hilton. Additional blocks of hotel rooms have been held at the [Drury Inn](#) (Drury group access code – 2151385) and the [Hampton Inn & Suites](#). Click on the hotel reservation links above or see the hotel reservation information on the conference registration form.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 - CCAO SESSIONS**

- The Future of Emergency Dispatch Operations
- OPERS Post Pension Reform
- JobsOhio: Ohio's New Economic Development Engine, Results to Date & the Way Forward
- CCAO/CEAO/Affiliate Session - OPERS for Soon-to-be-Retirees
- CCAO General Session - Health Transformation at the State & Local Level; and Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers.
- CCAO Alumni Association Meeting & Luncheon: OPERS Update for Retirees
- Human Resources: Essential Elements of an Employee Manual
- Solid Waste Update: A Conversation with the Director
- Area 7 Consortium Meeting

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 – CCAO SESSIONS**

- CCAO/CEAO District Meetings  
NW District Commissioners & Engineers Association  
NE District Commissioners Association  
SW Commissioners & Engineers Association  
SE Commissioners & Engineers Association
- CCAO Legislative Update
- JobsOhio Regional Representatives Breakout Sessions  
SE Region Breakout - Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth  
NW Region Breakout - Regional Growth Partnership  
NE Region Breakout- Team Neo/Cleveland+  
SW Region Breakout - Cincinnati USA Partnership  
Western Region Breakout- Dayton Development Coalition  
Central Region Breakout – Columbus 2020

A draft agenda and registration materials have been posted at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) Click on the article link on the front page.

**COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

2013 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>LEGAL HOLIDAY</b>
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	January 21
President's Day	February 18
Memorial Day	May 27
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 2

Columbus Day	October 14
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 28
Christmas Day	December 25

## STATE ACTIVITIES

### BWC ANNOUNCES RATE REDUCTION FOR 4<sup>th</sup> STRAIGHT YEAR

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Board of Directors approved a 5% average rate reduction for public employer taxing districts for the fourth year in a row. The board accepted BWC Administrator Steve Buehrer's proposal to decrease the rates. The reduction, which brings average rates to their lowest point since 1983, is estimated to reduce combined premiums by \$12.7 million for Ohio's counties, cities, towns, schools and special districts. It will take effect on Jan. 1, 2013 and affect base rates for 12 of the 14 employer types.

According to BWC, the base rate for some employer types will decrease more than the statewide level, with counties looking to experience a 7.1% reduction and public libraries, joint vocational schools and special public universities eyeing a 15.7% drop. Premium changes for public entities will vary based on claims history and program participation. The overall average 5% reduction, when combined with last year's matching decrease, will save Ohio public employers an estimated \$40 million over a two-year period, state officials say.

CCAO Executive Director Larry Long stated, "CCAO is pleased to see our partnership with BWC has helped lower rates for public employers through our collective focus on workplace safety and getting injured workers back to work quickly."

"The Ashland County Commissioners are very pleased to see the base rates for public employers drop. In these tough economic times, a reduction in BWC rates is truly welcome and will certainly benefit counties by allowing us to reinvest these savings in workplace safety to further reduce injuries to our employees, return-to-work programs to help employer who are indeed injured get back to work quickly, and help maintain critical county-delivered services," commented Barb Queer, Ashland County Commissioner.

"A premium-rate decrease allows our county to invest in making the needed corrections and purchase safety equipment to make our county even safer," stated Susan Burkhart, Safety and Loss Control Coordinator, Washington County Commissioners.

### 2012-2013 SAFETY SERVICES CATALOG

The ultimate key to controlling workers' compensation costs lies in preventing workplace accident in the first place. The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) can help employers do that. The *2012-2013 Safety Services Catalog* describes the collection of free programs, services and resources available to help keep employees safe.

An electronic catalog is available that is easily searchable by specific term/terms using the CNTRL + F keys at <https://www.ohiobwc.com/downloads/blankpdf/SafetyServicesCatalog.pdf>

Copies of the Services Catalog (DS23) can be requested by visiting the BWC web site at <https://www.ohiobwc.com/employer/forms/publications/nlbwc/SafeHygPubs1.asp>

## 2013 GREAT OHIOAN AWARD

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and Capitol Square Foundation are continuing to seek nominations for the “Great Ohioan” Award to commemorate special Ohioans who have played a significant role in an event or series of events of lasting significance in World, American or Ohio history. Additional criteria includes being born in Ohio or lived in Ohio for a minimum of five years and at least 25 years have passed since the commemorated event, in which the nominee participated.

This award is an opportunity to recognize Ohioans who have made an impact in a number of important areas. A complete explanation of the nomination process and nomination forms can be found online at [www.ohiostatehouse.org](http://www.ohiostatehouse.org) Deadline for nominations: Friday, November 30, 2012. The Great Ohioan Award recipients will be announced and recognized in early 2013.

Since 2003, 30 Great Ohioans have been recognized with the award for the special roles they played in history. A special exhibit, part of the new Ohio Statehouse Museum, pays tribute to all Great Ohioan Award recipients. The Capitol Square Foundation has raised more than \$5 million in private donations for the new museum and enhanced education programming at the Ohio Statehouse.

## DAVIS APPOINTED TO TRANSPORTATION REVIEW ADVISORY COUNCIL

Williams County Commissioner Brian Davis has been appointed by Governor Kasich to the [Transportation Review Advisory Council](#) (TRAC) for a term that began on November 1, 2012 and ends on June 29, 2017. Established by Ohio Revised Code in 1997, the nine-member Transportation Review Advisory Council assists in developing a project selection process for the Ohio Department of Transportation's(ODOT) largest investments. The TRAC, chaired by ODOT Director Jerry Wray, former Licking County Engineer, also approves major new projects for funding.

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### OSU INITIATES THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

Ohio is home to thousands of environmental professionals working every day to make our world better – be it through a private business; non-governmental organizations; a local, state, or federal agency; a college; a media outlet; or somewhere else. As a result, The Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources is starting a new service for a broad range of people who are professionally engaged in managing, protecting, and using our environment and natural resources.

The Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) was recently initiated with two main components: 1) multi-disciplinary interaction and networking through a community-oriented website <http://epn.osu.edu> and 2) monthly EPN 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays Breakfast Club meetings, held on the Columbus campus, featuring speakers on timely topics offering additional networking opportunities. The EPN is all-inclusive for this broad range of professionals and addresses topic areas from A-Z. [Click here](#) for a brochure about the EPN.

The next EPN November 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Breakfast Meeting will be held on November 13, 2012. The panel will be on "Waste Not, Want Not! Improving Materials Management and Programs and Laws in Ohio" at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, in Columbus. [Click here](#) for registration and program information. For more information, please contact David Hanselmann, EPN Coordinator, at (614) 247-1908 or [hanselmann.3@osu.edu](mailto:hanselmann.3@osu.edu) or [www.epn.osu.edu](http://www.epn.osu.edu)

## TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR

Bricker & Eckler LLP will present the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar on Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. CCAO is a co-sponsor of the seminar.

What you will learn: 1) Important contract language, best practices for project documentation, the risks of differing site conditions, delay and lost productivity claims, and the design professional's standard of care. 2) Understand damages and claims. 3) Learn to analyze, prepare for additional compensation or damages. 4) Learn how to manage and resolve construction claims efficiently.

Registration fee: \$199 (by Nov 1 or for co-sponsoring organizations) or \$239 (after Nov. 1). For more information, please contact Amy Abbey at (614) 227-4989, (800) 750-1525 or [aabbey@bricker.com](mailto:aabbey@bricker.com) or [click here](#) to register online.

## SHARED SERVICES EXPO; CCAO TO BE A DISTANCE LEARNING SITE

Across Ohio, communities are utilizing shared services to improve their operations and reduce costs. The Shared Services Expo highlights successful shared services programs and provides practical advice to those interested in collaborative shared service projects.

The Shared Services Expo will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Idea Center, 1375 Euclid Avenue, in Cleveland. The goal of the Expo is to increase the number of effective shared service programs by providing specific details about the best practices behind the real-world success stories. Keynote speakers will be former U.S. Senator and Cuyahoga County Commissioner George Voinovich, Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald and Controlling Board President & Policy Advisor Randy Cole.

There are three ways to take advantage of this learning opportunity:

- 1) **Onsite Learning** - Preregistration is required for the onsite learning. Registration fee: \$50 (includes continental breakfast, box lunch and conference materials). Register at [www.ideastream.org/education](http://www.ideastream.org/education).
- 2) **Half-day Webinar at your site** – A half-day webinar option is available for a registration fee of \$75. You have the option of registering a site in your county for more registrants to attend for just one fee. Register at [www.ideastream.org/education](http://www.ideastream.org/education).
- 3) **Half-day Webinar at the CCAO Office** - CCAO has registered to be a webinar site. You can attend the Shared Services Expo FREE at the CCAO office. More details to follow.

## SERB ACADEMY

The SERB Academy is for newcomers to public-sector collective bargaining. It is for new managers, employee organization officials, staff, members, and for people who are or will be working in positions where they need to know how Ohio's law governs labor relations in the public sector. This intensive two-day review of representation, dispute settlement, and unfair labor practice matters, covering the law, the administrative rules, and the day-to-day procedures of the agency is sponsored by the State Employment Relations Board.

The SERB Academy will be held on December 6 & 7, 2012 and March 7 & 8, 2013 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 4900 Sinclair Road, in Columbus. [Click here](#) for more information or contact Cheri Alexander, Administrator, SERB Research and Training Section, 65 East State Street, 12th Fl., Columbus OH 43215, (614) 466-1193 or [Cherith.Alexander@serb.state.oh.us](mailto:Cherith.Alexander@serb.state.oh.us)

2013 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Registration opens on November 27, 2012 for the [2013 NACo Legislative Conference](#), which is held on an annual basis in Washington, DC. The Conference will be held on March 2-6, 2013 at the Washington Hilton & Towers in Washington, D.C. This meeting brings over 2,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country to focus on legislative issues facing county government. Attendees hear from key Administration officials and members of Congress about educational opportunities addressing current and hot topic issues. A day of lobbying on Capitol Hill the last day rounds out the conference.

The Opening General Session Speaker on Monday, March 4 will be Bob Woodward, Associate Editor of *The Washington Post* and Author of *The Price of Politics*.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
<b>HR Director</b>	Erie County Commissioners November 9, 2012
<b>LEPC/Grants Coordinator</b>	Warren County Commissioners November 9, 2012
<b>Chief Building Official</b>	Stark County Commissioners November 9, 2012
<b>Control Systems Technician</b>	Warren County Commissioners November 9, 2012
<b>Protective Services Program Administrator</b>	Fairfield County JFS November 9, 2012
<b>HR Director</b>	Stark County Commissioners November 16, 2012
<b>Facilities Manager</b>	Stark County Commissioners November 16, 2012
<b>Facilities Manager</b>	Fairfield County November 19, 2012
<b>Director - Environmental Services</b>	Hamilton County Commissioner November 23, 2012
<b>HR Assistant Director</b>	Greene County Commissioners November 30, 2012
<b>Family &amp; Children First Director</b>	Greene County Commissioners November 30, 2012
<b>Finance Director</b>	Butler County Commissioners Applications accepted until position is filled