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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 18, 2013	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 10-12, 2013	CCAO COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER, PICKAWAY COUNTY (MT. STERLING)
MARCH 2-6, 2013	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
APRIL 2013	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
JUNE 7, 2013	CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

LAST ISSUE OF CIDS FOR 2012; CIDS TO RETURN JANUARY 11

The County Information & Data Service (CIDS) will not be published on Friday, December 28 & January 4 due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Happy Holidays from our CCAO family to yours. Wishing you a new year filled with health, happiness, prosperity, peace, and joy!

STATE ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR OPERS MEMBERS RETIRING BY DECEMBER 31, 2012

It is less than two weeks from the end of 2012 and, as you know, the deadline for OPERS members that want to retire in advance of the new pension legislation is fast approaching. OPERS wants to make sure that all members are aware that the law requires those who wish to retire in advance of the bill must:

1. Be off their employer's payroll and terminate public service by December 31, 2012;
2. Submit a valid hard-copy retirement application by January 4, 2013 or valid on-line application by January 6, 2013; and
3. If the member is relying on a service credit purchase to establish eligibility, the purchase must be complete - meaning OPERS must receive the money for the purchase in full by December 31, 2012 no later than 4:30 pm. Payments will only be accepted for purchases that have a current cost statement prepared by OPERS.

Members should check to verify the type of service credit they are attempting to use for eligibility purposes by December 31. Even if the service credit does not require payment, the appropriate documentation must be received at OPERS by December 31.

At this time, OPERS cannot guarantee processing retirement applications which include the purchase of service credit by the end of the month if other outside parties need to be involved to transfer payment and/or required documents. Please contact OPERS if you have questions!

COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS – TRANSITION IN OFFICEHOLDER

Auditor of State Dave Yost has issued [Bulletin 2012-010](#), *Compensation of Elected Officials – Transition in Officeholder*, that outlines the requirements for transition in office holders regarding compensation. Terms of office for elected officeholders are generally set by statute and many times do not coincide with a calendar year. Guidance regarding this issue is contained in Ohio Attorney General (OAG) Opinions 1990-023* and [2002-006](#). While the guidance is specific to a county sheriff and treasurer, the same guidance would apply to other elected positions where the term of office and salary are set by statute.

The annual compensation of a county officer must be prorated based on the number of days in that calendar year (January 1 to December 31) which were included in the officeholder's term of office. An official is not entitled to be paid for time not spent in office. When a change in office holder occurs, the total payments to the two individuals for the calendar year must equal the total statutory salary for the elected position.

Increased in statutory salaries for elected officials is another element for consideration in compensating officeholders during the transition in office, although there has not been a change in statutory salaries for county or township officials since December 31, 2008. If a change occurs in the future AOS [Bulletin 2001-001](#), *Compensation Increase Legislation Pertaining to Nonjudicial County Elected Officials*, should also be considered.

In addition to being hyperlinked, AOS Bulletin 2012-10 is also attached to this issue of CIDS. Questions about this bulletin should be directed to the Auditor of State's Legal Division at (614) 752-8683.

*Bulletin 1990-023 is not available online.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION PSAP REGISTRY – ACTION NEEDED

The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) has recently redesigned the National PSAP Registry website at <https://psaps.ddti.net/>. The simplified design and new features improve the system to allow Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) managers to update the information on their PSAP's. A [letter](#) from the Ohio Chapter of NENA regarding the PSAP Registry and a listing of PSAPs in Ohio was emailed to all Boards of County Commissioners and the Cuyahoga and Summit County Executives and County Council Members, County Sheriff and Emergency Management Directors.

All County 9-1-1 Coordinators and PSAP Managers in Ohio must update their entries in the National PSAP Registry as soon as possible.

The Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESINet) Steering Committee and its Sub-Committees (Technical Standards & PSAP Operations) are beginning their work on a report to the General Assembly providing recommendations for the state to address the development of a Statewide Emergency

Services Internet Protocol Network. The information from the PSAP Registry is a critical starting point for these committees.

For more information, please contact Patrick Goldschmidt, Vice President, Ohio NENA, at (937) 494-2108 or Patrick.goldschmidt@shelbycountysheriff.com.

ETA ANNOUNCES STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS TO BECOME EMPLOYMENT NETWORKS

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) issued [Training and Employment Notice \(TEN\) 14-12](#), announcing a streamlined process for American Job Centers, state workforce agencies, and workforce investment boards to become Employment Networks (ENs) under the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency (TTW) program.

DOL has promoted public workforce system entities becoming active ENs (i.e., accepting Tickets and receiving payment for providing services to Ticket Holders) as part of its comprehensive effort to expand the capacity of the workforce investment system to serve people with disabilities.

The TEN 14-12 specifically addresses the "New Workforce Investment Act EN Payment Agreement" and targeted resources. It also provides a list of targeted technical assistance resources, funded by SSA or DOL to provide information to the public workforce system, for organizations and/or agencies applying to become an EN, and for existing ENs.

EDA OUTLINES FUNDING CYCLE DEADLINES FOR FY2013 AND FY2014 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides strategic investments that foster job creation and attract private investment to support development in economically distressed areas of the U.S. and solicits applications from both rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

EDA published the deadlines for the remaining funding cycles of FY2013 and the first funding cycle of FY2014 on www.grants.gov. The next four funding cycle deadlines are:

- March 13, 2013 for funding cycle 3 of FY2013
- June 13, 2013 for funding cycle 4 of FY2013
- September 13, 2013 for funding cycle 1 of FY2014

THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION HOLDS DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF FEDERAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

On December 12, the Brookings Institution hosted a discussion on the future of federal workforce development policy in the context of long-term joblessness, slow labor market recovery, and a fragile middle class. Moderated by Fellow Elisabeth Jacobs, a panel of experts examined current federal policy, proposals for updating existing policy to meet current labor market challenges, and obstacles preventing progress toward a system that best meets the needs of both workers and employers. For more information, and to view an archived recording, please [click here](#).

NACo ACTIVITIES

2013 NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Does your county have an innovative program that modernizes county government and increase services to county residents? Obtain national recognition for your program by applying for a NACo Achievement Award. Started in 1970, the annual Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Each application is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received. Awards are given in 21 different categories including children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, environmental protection, information technology, health, and many more. For a full list of categories and more information on the application procedures. The deadline for submissions is February 21, 2013. Click on the links below for information.

- [2013 Achievement Awards Application Instructions](#)
- [Achievement Awards Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Last year, Clark, Fairfield, Hamilton (3), Marion, Montgomery (4), and Summit counties won a total of 11 Achievement Awards.

After reviewing the above information, please contact Katie Bess, Research Associate, NACo County Solutions and Innovation Department, at (202) 942-4215 or kbess@naco.org if you have additional questions.

[Click here](#) to get ideas from archived NACo Achievement Award Programs.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FARMLAND PRESERVATION SUMMIT

“Farmland Preservation: Focusing on the Farmers” is the theme for the 13th Annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit which will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, in Columbus. Registration and morning refreshments will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the program which begins at 9:20 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

Registration fee: \$50. Registration deadline: January 10, 2013. For more information, please contact Mike Hogan, Extension Educator & Associate Professor - Agriculture & Natural Resources, Ohio State University Extension – Fairfield County, (740) 653-5419, fax (740) 687-7010, hogan.1@osu.edu or [click here](#).

2013 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for the [2013 NACo Legislative Conference](#), which is held on an annual basis in Washington, DC, is now open. 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*.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2012-042

1. Pursuant to R.C. 1901.20(B) and R.C. 2931.03, a court of common pleas and a municipal court that has jurisdiction within the county served by the court of common pleas have concurrent jurisdiction to conduct proceedings in a felony case before the case is presented to a grand jury or the accused waives his right to an indictment. In exercising its jurisdiction in a felony case, a court of common pleas may in accordance with R.C. 2931.03, Ohio R. Crim. P. 4, and Ohio R. Crim. P. 5 conduct proceedings that occur before the case is presented to a grand jury or the accused waives his right to an indictment.
2. R.C. 2941.021 and Ohio R. Crim. P. 7(A) prohibit a county prosecuting attorney from filing an information to prosecute a felony case before the accused waives in writing and in open court his right to indictment by a grand jury. (1949 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 801, p. 465 and 1933 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 969, vol. II, p. 926, overruled.)

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Project Manager	Henry County Engineer December 21, 2012
Safety Coordinator	Licking County Commissioners December 28, 2012
County Administrator	Crawford County Commissioners December 31, 2012
County Clerk	Fairfield County Commissioners January 4, 2013
County Administrator	Stark County Commissioners January 9, 2012
MSD Oversight Coordinator	Hamilton County Commissioners January 11, 2013
Protective Services Program Administrator	Fairfield County JFS Position open until filled