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### DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 20, 2013	CCAO SMALL COUNTIES COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 20, 2013	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 21, 2013	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICT 26 – WOODY’S RESTAURANT, WYANDOT COUNTY (UPPER SANDUSKY)
FEBRUARY 22, 2013	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICT 14 – MOYER’S RESTAURANT, ADAMS COUNTY (MANCHESTER)
FEBRUARY 22, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICT 17 – ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
FEBRUARY 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICTS 1 – RED PIG INN, PUTNAM COUNTY (OTTAWA)
FEBRUARY 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICTS 2 & 11 – BASS PRO SHOP, WOOD COUNTY (ROSSFORD)
FEBRUARY 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING - SENATE DISTRICT 30 (INCLUDES HD 94) – ABRIO’S VERA CUCINA, ATHENS COUNTY (ATHENS)
MARCH 2-6, 2013	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 13, 2013	CCAO 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINAR – STATE BUDGET: HOW IT AFFECTS COUNTIES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 25, 2013	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
APRIL 2013	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
MAY 22-24, 2013	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### “STATE BUDGET: HOW IT AFFECTS COUNTIES” KICKS OFF CCAO 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY SEMINARS

CCAO encourages commissioners, county executives, county council members, other county officials, and staff to attend the first 2013 CCAO 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminar Series on “State Budget: How It Affects Counties” on March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus.

The state budget proposes significant changes in Ohio’s tax structure, including reductions in personal income taxes as well as state and local sales tax rates. The state budget also broadens the sales tax base to include services that are currently exempt from the sales tax and proposes increases in certain severance taxes in response to Ohio’s boom in the shale oil and gas industry. Ohio’s permissive county sales and use tax law is proposed to be changed in significant ways. Learn directly from key individuals within the Kasich Administration the objectives of the Administration in proposing this budget, the important programmatic changes being proposed, and some of the key provisions that will impact county government.

The seminar is free and parking is available in the lot adjacent to the CCAO office. Program details are attached to this issue of CIDS. Coffee will be served during the morning and lunch will be on your own. 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.

In an effort to reach more county officials and staff, CCAO is moving to a webinar format for the rest of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminars. Information about each webinar will be published in CIDS and on our website at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org)

Mark your calendars for these 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Webinars:

- April 10 – Energy Conservation Projects: Pitfalls and Windfalls – Things You Need to Know
- May 8 – Construction Contract Reform
- June 12 – Convention & Visitor Bureaus: Promoting Tourism in Ohio
- July – No Program
- August 14 – Medicaid Expansion: What Does it Mean to Counties?
- September 11 – Demographic Trends for Ohio
- October 9 – Use of Social Media by County Government
- November 13 – Attorney General Debt Collection Program
- December – No Program

For more information, please contact:

Programs: Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org)

Registration: Tanya McComas, Administrative Assistant, at (614) 221-5627 or [tmccomas@ccao.org](mailto:tmccomas@ccao.org)

### CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCAO will be hosting Regional Legislative Briefings for the members of the new 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The purpose of the meetings is to provide legislators, county commissioners, county executives and county council members with an opportunity to discuss legislative issues affecting county government on a regional basis. The Briefings are organized by State Senate Districts and the House Districts contained within them. Commissioners, county executives and county council members received information including a [briefing schedule](#) with times and locations for meetings, a draft press release, and a [registration form](#) by email and regular mail. Invitations to the members of the General Assembly were sent by CCAO, but members are encouraged to contact your legislators to personally invite them to your Regional Legislative Briefing.

- February 21 Senate District 26 – Woody’s Restaurant, 1351 N. Warpole St., Upper Sandusky @ 11:30 a.m.
- February 22 Senate District 14 – Moyer’s Restaurant, 3859 U.S. 52, Manchester @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 17 – Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Ave. – Rooms A&C, Chillicothe @ 11:30 a.m.
- February 25 Senate District 1 – Red Pig Inn, 1470 N. Perry, Ottawa @ 9:00 a.m.  
Senate Districts 2 & 11 – Bass Pro Shop, 10000 Bass Pro Blvd., Rossford @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 30 (*includes House District 94*) – Abrio’s Vera Cucina, 859 E. State St., Athens @ 11:30 a.m.
- March 1 Senate Districts 20 & 31 – Eagle Sticks, 2655 Maysville Pike, Zanesville @11:30 a.m.
- March 8 Senate Districts 18, 32 & 33 – Salem Country Club, 1967 S. Lincoln Ave., Salem @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate Districts 21, 23, 24 & 25 – Time & Location TBA \*
- March 25 Senate Districts 4, 5 & 6 – Madison Lakes Learning Conference Center, 581 Olive Rd., Dayton @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate Districts 27 & 28 – Location TBA @ 11:30 a.m. \*  
Senate District 30 (*includes House Districts 95 & 96*) – Undo’s Italian Restaurant, St. Clairsville @11:30 a.m.
- April 5 Senate Districts 13, 22 & 27 – Berry’s Restaurant, 15 W. Main, Norwalk @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 19 – Bun’s Restaurant, 6 W. Winter St., Delaware @ 11:30 a.m.
- April 8 Senate District 12 – La Piazza, 17 W. Monroe St., New Bremen @11:30 a.m.  
Senate Districts 3, 15 & 16 – Time & Location TBA \*
- TBA Senate Districts 7, 8 & 9 - Time & Location TBA \*  
Senate District 10 - Time & Location TBA \*  
Senate District 27 & 29 - Time & Location TBA \*

\*Please note: Check updates in CIDS and on the front page of [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) for details about briefings that are not finalized. In addition, commissioners, county executives and county council members scheduled to attend those briefings will receive additional information via email.

For more information please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or [jhahn@ccao.org](mailto:jhahn@ccao.org)

SMART JUSTICE: CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES - THEME FOR NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH IN APRIL

A [booklet](#) full of ideas to celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) is available on the [NACo website](#). Counties are encouraged to participate in NCGM by hosting a variety community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay contests, meetings with business and community leaders, and adoption of resolutions. NACo will again present valuable awards to six counties for their outstanding NCGM activities. For information, contact Jim Philipps, NACo Media Relations Manager, at (202) 942-4220 or [jphilipps@naco.org](mailto:jphilipps@naco.org)

## **COUNTIES COAST TO COAST**

### **STUDY FINDS GROWING INTEREST IN SHARED SERVICES**

Nationwide, counties are increasingly considering shared services projects and interlocal agreements for a variety of reasons, according to a new report, *A County Manager's Guide to Shared Services in Local Government*, which Daryl Delabbio, Kent County (MI) Administrator and Controller, co-authored with Eric Zeemering, an assistant professor of public policy at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Thirty-one percent of those surveyed reported that sharing or contracting services is “very common” for their county. More than 50 percent of respondents said that in the last year, local governments in their areas have been discussing shared services more than before.

More than 73 percent of county officials surveyed agreed with the statement: “I maintain communication with officials in other local governments in order to identify opportunities for sharing or cooperating on local government services.” The researchers report the keys to forming successful partnerships are “leadership, “trust and reciprocity,” and “clear goals and measureable results.”

Based on their research and interviews, the authors made five recommendations for forming and maintaining shared service relationships:

1. Create a shared services assessment team
2. Identify strengths in participating governments
3. Consider pilot projects
4. Discuss and document responsibilities with partners
5. Make appropriate changes as needed, because situations and needs can change over time

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### **OHIO FARMERS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR TREASURER'S 2013 AG-LINK PROGRAM**

Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel announced that Ohio farmers can submit online applications for the Ohio Treasury's 28<sup>TH</sup> year of the Agricultural Linked Deposit Program (Ag-LINK). Below is the timeline for the 2013 Ag-LINK program:

- Ag-LINK applications must be received by the Economic Development Department at the State Treasurer's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2013.
- Once the application process has been completed, notification of each application's status will be sent to each lender no later than Friday, April 5, 2013.
- The State Treasurer's office is requiring lenders to confirm acceptance or denial of the linked deposit for each application they have submitted by Friday, April 12, 2013. This is only to confirm that the borrowers will participate in Ag-LINK.
- Requests for funding will be accepted from Monday, April 15, 2013 through Wednesday, June 26, 2013. All funding must be completed by Friday, June 28, 2013.

[Click here](#) to read the complete story from the State Treasurer's website. Detailed information on the program and eligibility requirements can be found by visiting the State Treasurer's website at [www.OhioTreasurer.gov/AgLINK](http://www.OhioTreasurer.gov/AgLINK) or by calling the State Treasurer's Economic Development Department at (800) 228-1102 (Option #3).

## FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

### OMB FEDERAL GRANT REFORM PROPOSAL OPEN FOR COMMENT

In November 2009, President Obama issued an Executive Order that sought to reduce improper payments and eliminate waste in federal programs. In February 2011, the Administration released a Presidential Memorandum on Administrative Flexibility to ease the burden on state, local and tribal governments associated with federal program requirements.

Both actions signaled of the Administration's intent to pursue the goals of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of federal grant programs. Since then, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has worked to produce a set of guidelines to move closer toward achieving that goal. OMB has solicited input from the Council on Financial Assistance Reform (COFAR) that resulted in a proposal that OMB released for public comment on February 1. The proposal will remain open for a 90-day comment period, which translates into a May 2 deadline. It is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under docket number omb-2013-0001. [Click here](#) to read the proposal. [Click here](#) to read the Office of Management and Budget's blog.

## NACo ACTIVITIES

### NACo ON THE HILL WEBINAR

Join NACo for a free webinar on February 19 at 2:00 p.m. for an overview of the 2013 Legislative Conference, details on "NACo on the Hill," and tips on how to build and strengthen relationships with policymakers. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

### ENERGY EFFICIENT COUNTY BUILDINGS

NACo and the Institute for Building Technology & Safety (IBTS) recently published *Energy Efficient County Buildings: Realizing Money and Energy-Saving Opportunities*, which highlights key research on county energy use. For more information, please contact Cindy Wasser, NACo Associate - County Solutions & Innovation, (202) 942-4274 or [cwasser@naco.org](mailto:cwasser@naco.org)

### 2013 NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 21

Started in 1970, the annual NACo 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. The deadline for submissions has been extended to **March 21, 2013 at 11:59 p.m.** Click on the links below for more 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. [Click here](#) to get ideas from archived NACo Achievement Award Programs.

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](mailto:kbess@naco.org) if you have additional questions.

## GRANTS

### EPA INVITES COMMUNITIES TO APPLY FOR SMART GROWTH ASSISTANCE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program provides technical assistance to help communities grow in ways that improve the local economy, the environment, and people's health. The program aims to help applicants develop solutions to local challenges, such as managing stormwater, increasing transit-oriented development, and adapting to climate change, and to share those solutions with other communities.

EPA will be accepting applications from tribal, local, regional, and state governments and nonprofit organizations that have partnered with a governmental entity for their request for assistance. Applications will be accepted until **March 1, 2013**. EPA will provide assistance to three to four communities selected from this round of applications.

EPA is seeking applications in the following four categories:

1. Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change
2. Redevelopment for Job Creation
3. Manufactured and Modular Homes in Sustainable Neighborhood Design
4. Medical and Social Service Facilities Siting

Click on the following links for more information on the [SGIA program and applications](#) or the [Partnership for Sustainable Communities](#).

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### HEALTH REFORM POLICY ACADEMY: WHERE IMPLEMENTATION STANDS NOW

Many key provisions of the Affordable Care Act are set to take effect in the coming year. With health insurance exchanges in each state open for enrollment in the fall, could counties be involved in public outreach and assistance? What are some of the implications for counties in states that do not expand Medicaid? The webinar will also explore questions related to funding for local prevention initiatives and potential impacts on county behavioral health services. [Click here to register](#) for the NACo webinar on "Health Reform Policy Academy" on Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Anita Cardwell, (202) 942-4267 or [acardwell@naco.org](mailto:acardwell@naco.org)

### RCAP ANNOUNCES BOARD TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2013

Ohio RCAP, together with Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Groundwater, will be offering the Utility Management Training Series at locations across the state. All four courses - 1) Utility Management, 2) Financial Management, 3) Asset Management Budgeting and Rate Setting, and 4) Applied Asset Management using CUPSS - are scheduled for this spring. Registration is FREE. Each course is designed to introduce best practices for the organizational and fiscal management of small water and wastewater utilities. Attendees can receive Ohio EPA operator contact hours.

These seminars are open to anyone, but space is limited. To register, for classroom dates please use the [on-line Training Sign-up Form](#). [Click here](#) for additional information or contact Nadine Thompson at (800) 775-9767 or [nethompson@wsos.org](mailto:nethompson@wsos.org). Registrations must be received no later than one week prior to each seminar. Reminder and specific directions will be emailed one week prior to the scheduled date.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b>Building Inspector</b>	Butler County March 1, 2013
<b>9-1-1 Communication Director</b>	Delaware County March 1, 2013
<b>Deputy Director</b>	Delaware, Knox, Marion & Morrow Solid Waste District March 1, 2013

# 2013 Second Wednesday's



Recognizing that commissioners, county executives, county council members and their staffs confront a number of daily challenges on a wide variety of topics, CCAO is continuing a regular series of short, concise seminars. The first seminar on the State Budget will be held at the CCAO office, 209 East State Street, in Columbus, while all other programs will be webinars. All 2nd Wednesdays will begin promptly at 9:30 am. Best of all, the seminars are **FREE!**

## CCAO's FREE Educational Sessions

CCAO values your time and is moving to a webinar format for most of the 2nd Wednesday Seminars to reach more county officials and staff. Prior to each webinar, instructions will be published in CIDS & at [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org). Please take advantage of this exciting opportunity to become better informed in a variety of areas!

### 2013 2nd Wednesday Seminar Schedule

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April 10	Energy Conservation Projects—Pitfalls and Windfalls—Things You Need to Know (Webinar)	Sept 11	Demographic Trends for Ohio (Webinar)
May 8	Construction Contract Reform (Webinar)	Oct 9	Use of Social Media by County Government (Webinar)
June 12	Convention & Visitors' Bureaus—Promoting Tourism in Ohio (Webinar)	Nov 13	Attorney General Debt Collection Program (Webinar)

For more information, contact:

Program: Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at 614/220-7981 or [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org)

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# Second Wednesday's

March 13, 2013

## State Budget: How It Affects Counties

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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### PRESENTERS

**Brad Cole**, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

**Tim Keen**, Director, Ohio Office of Budget and Management (invited)

**Joseph Testa**, Tax Commissioner, Ohio Department of Taxation (invited)

### AGENDA—9:30-12:30

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:35 a.m. Overview of Executive Budget by OBM Director Tim Keen
- 10:30 a.m. Overview of Key Tax Law Changes by Tax Commissioner Joe Testa
- 11:30 a.m. Question and Answers and General Discussion
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

### LOCATION

CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215

### HOW TO REGISTER

Register for this FREE program by email only to Tanya MaComas, 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. 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.

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