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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 6, 2013	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 7, 2013	CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS
JUNE 12, 2013	CONVENTION & VISITORS' BUREAUS—PROMOTING TOURISM IN OHIO – CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
JUNE 19-21, 2013	NACo LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS (LUCC) ANNUAL MEETING, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
JUNE 28, 2013	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 17 – OLD CANAL SMOKEHOUSE, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
JULY 19-22, 2013	NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE (ANNUAL CONFERENCE), TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS
JULY 20, 2013	CCAO CAUCUS RECEPTION (HELD DURING THE NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE), FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER, TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 7 – EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS TODAY!

CCAO invites all county commissioners, county executives and county council members, affiliates and guests to the [CCAO Summer Seminar](#) to be held Friday, June 7, 2013 at the Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, in Columbus. These affiliate organizations will be meeting at the Summer Seminar: County Administrators Association, County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association, and Ohio County Dog Wardens Association.

Registration for the one-day seminar 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, seminars, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch.

CCAO is pleased to announce that Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine will be speaking at the General Session. The educational seminar topics to be held in the morning include What's Trending on the HR Help Line?, Practical Steps for Managing Your Benefits Plan in 2013 and Jail Inspections: Proposed Standards and the Risk Management Perspective. [Click here](#) for more seminar information.

Conference Registration: Just a reminder to [register online](#) by today - Friday, May 24, 2013 - to get the early bird registration 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.

Room Reservations: If you would like to arrive the evening before the seminar, a block of rooms has been reserved at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbus/Polaris**, 9000 Worthington Road, Columbus, OH 43082. Cutoff date: **May 27, 2013**. Please make reservations by calling (614) 568-0770 and mention CCAO for the discounted rate or click on one of these links: room rate - [\\$112 standard king \(one bed\)](#) or [\\$112 standard queen \(two beds\)](#)

NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING TO MEET IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ON JUNE 10

Champaign County Commissioners Bob Corbett, David Faulkner and Steven Hess and County Engineer Steven McCrall will host the next Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Quarterly Meeting on Monday, June 10 at the Champaign County Community Center, 1512 South US Highway 68, in Urbana. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m.

Tours begin at 1:00 p.m. of the following locations:

- Tour A: 1:00 p.m. [Bundy Baking Museum](#) (no charge)
- Tour B: 1:00 p.m. [Ohio Caverns](#) – West Liberty (\$15 charge)
- Tour C: 1:00 p.m. [Champaign County Historical Society Aviation Museum](#) – East Lawn Avenue, Urbana (no charge)
- Tour D: 9:00 a.m. Golf at the [Urbana Country Club](#) (\$60 – includes greens fees, cart & lunch)

The business meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the social hour and dinner.

Registration fee: \$5.00. Reservation deadline: **May 31, 2013**. Cancellation deadline: June 3, 2013. [Click here](#) for an online program, registration, golf, and tour information or contact Mary Collier, Clerk, Champaign County Commissioners, 1512 South US Highway 68 – Suite A100, Urbana, OH 43078, (937) 484-1614.

MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

All county commissioners, county executives and county council members are invited to attend CCAO Board of Directors' Meetings. CCAO Board Meetings are typically held the third Friday of each month. Please note that Board Meetings are not held every month. A board meeting notice will appear in CIDS two and then again one week prior to all Board Meetings. The next CCAO Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6 at 1:30 pm. Please note the change in the day and time of this meeting as the CCAO Summer Seminar will be held the following day, Friday, June 7, at the at the Quest Business Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240.

We would like any non-board members and guests planning on attending the meeting to please RSVP Kathy Dillon, Office Manager & Boards' Liaison at kathydillon@ccao.org on or before May 30. Also, please feel free to contact Kathy Dillon should you have any additional questions.

2013-14 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's County Solutions and Idea Marketplace (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 Monday afternoon, July 22 in Tarrant County (Fort Worth), TX. 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 Daniel Troy (Lake) and Gary Lee (Union). 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, 2013**.

OSU EXTENTION UPDATES

SHALE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNERS

When landowners are approached by about possibly leasing a portion of their land for oil and gas production, where can they go for guidance? [OSU Extension](#). Since 2010, OSU Extension has devoted a growing portion of its resources to work on shale energy issues. The statewide OSU Extension Shale Energy Workgroup meets monthly to discuss emerging needs. In addition, the group created a website, <http://shalegas.osu.edu>, as part of the university's [Subsurface Energy Resource Center \(SERC\)](#), where Ohioans can get information about shale development, leasing, taxation issues, pipelines, water resources, community impacts and other issues related to shale development. [Click here to read more and view a video...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

NEPOTISM IN PUBLIC SERVICE – JUST SAY NO

The Ohio Ethics Law makes nepotism a crime. This restriction applies to all public servants, which includes all elected officials, all appointed officials, and all public employees, regardless of whether they are compensated for their public service. The law prohibits a public official or employee from hiring, or using a public position to secure the hire of, a family member. In fact, in the state of Ohio, using your public position to hire a family member is a fourth degree felony.

Public agencies are required to conduct all hiring activity in a fair, open and impartial manner because it's the law, and also because it truly is the right thing to do. Giving precedence or advantages to family members in public hiring is unfair to other applicants who may be equally or even more qualified.

Current public officials or employees are required by law to completely remove themselves from participating in any way in the hiring process if any of these family members is competing for a public job: parents, grandparents, children of any age, grandchildren, spouse, or siblings. They cannot participate in these hires even if their family members live in other households.

Public officials or employees also cannot hire anyone to whom he or she is related by blood or marriage (i.e., aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws) if that family member is also residing in the same household with the official or employee. The law also prohibits a public official or employee from using his or her position to influence another person to hire a family member. In other words, the public servant can't recommend or otherwise use his or her connection to the hiring authority to get a job for a family member. The official or employee is also prohibited from calling other public officials or employees and asking them to hire a relative.

If a public servant's family member is lawfully hired by a public entity, without the public servant's participation in the hire, the Ethics Law continues to limit the actions of the public official or employee. The public servant cannot get or attempt to get contract-related benefits for the family member. [Click here](#) for more information about nepotism from the Ohio Ethics Commission.

2013 OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE AWARDS

Each year, the Ohio Historical Society's Ohio Historic Preservation Office recognizes achievements in historic preservation by presenting awards in two categories: 1) Public Education and Awareness and 2) Preservation Merit. People, organizations, businesses, and public agencies are eligible for the awards. Anyone may submit a nomination for the awards. Nominations must be postmarked by June 1, 2013. [Click here](#) for online information or call the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at the Ohio Historical Society at (614) 298-2000.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

THE MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT: CCAO SENDS LETTER OF SUPPORT TO OHIO DELEGATION

CCAO sent a letter to our members in the U.S. House of Representatives asking them to support S 743 - The Marketplace Fairness Act - to permit states and local governments to collect sales and use taxes on remote sellers. The Marketplace Fairness Act is sponsored by U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyoming) and cosponsored by a bipartisan group of Senators. This legislation passed the U.S. Senate by a strong bipartisan vote of 69 – 27 on May 6, 2013. Ohio Senators Brown and Portman supported the legislation.

S 743 is intended to overcome two U.S. Supreme Court decisions (National Bellas Hess v. Illinois Department of Revenue (1967) and Quill Corp v. North Dakota (1992) in which the court ruled that states may only collect sales taxes by retail merchants that have a physical presence in each state unless Congress acts to authorize the collection of sales taxes from remote sellers (out of state, catalogue, and internet sellers). The legislation would give states the choice of becoming a member of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA), a multistate effort to establish uniform standards for the collection of sales taxes, or, as an alternative, adopt minimum simplification requirements to qualify for collection of sales taxes from remote sellers. For more information, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or bcole@ccao.org [Read more...](#)

SENATE PASSES WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

On May 15, the U.S. Senate passed S. 601 - Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 83-14. Historically, WRDA has been a popular biannual bill, funding a number of earmarked projects. Last enacted in 2007, WRDA has faced an uphill battle in the past several years, due to the earmark ban. S. 601 carefully worked around the earmark ban by granting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) authority over what projects should move forward. This decision has caused controversy in the House, where Members are concerned about giving the Corps too much decision-making authority over projects. [Read more...](#)

POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS FOR NACo FARM BILL PRIORITIES

The obstacles preventing a reauthorization of the Farm Bill are quickly clearing as the House and Senate Agriculture Committees passed Farm Bill packages with bipartisan support on May 14 and May 15, respectively. The Farm Bill moved to the Senate floor this week. The biggest shift in the status of the Farm Bill is the promise by House leadership to give the bill floor time by this summer. If the House and the Senate stick to this schedule, there will be enough time for the two chambers to negotiate a compromise and pass a final bill by September 30, when the current Farm bill extension expires.

The House measure, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act (FARRM) of 2013, (H.R. 1947), passed the Agriculture Committee by a vote of 36-10 on May 14 and includes \$940 billion in funding over 10 years. The Senate Agriculture Committee passed the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2013, (S. 954), by a vote of 15-5 on May 15, which includes \$955 billion over that same time period. [Read more...](#)

FOREST ROADS BILL INTRODUCED IN HOUSE AND SENATE – PLEASE ASK YOUR HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS TO CO-SPONSOR

On May 16, members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate introduced a bipartisan bill - The Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act - to reaffirm the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 37 year stance that forest roads runoff should be regulated as a nonpoint sources through states' best management practices (BMPs), rather than through the federal Clean Water Act's (CWA) National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

This bill is a follow-up to the U.S. Supreme Court's Decker v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC) decision, which overturned a May 2011 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruling that required logging companies and state and local governments to obtain industrial Clean Water Act (CWA) permits from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for stormwater runoff from forest roads. The Supreme Court's ruling means that state and local governments and companies are not required to obtain industrial NPDES permits for forest roads. However, this ruling did not end the debate. Please ask your member of Congress to support the bill. [Read more...](#)

CMS UNVEILS MEDICAID DSH CUT RULE

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule on May 13 to allocate cuts to Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments mandated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The [proposed rule](#) was published in the Federal Register on May 15. Assuming that the ACA coverage expansion would result in significant decreases in uncompensated care for disproportionate share hospitals, Congress used DSH cuts to help offset the costs of the legislation. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

LANGSTON TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2013-14

Linda Langston, Linn County (Iowa) Supervisor and NACo 1st Vice President, will have the privilege of making the following presidential leadership and committee appointments to her 2013-14 Leadership Team. Please note: Steering committee membership is not a part of this application process. (See next article) The NACo president appoints only the steering committee leadership. CCAO is responsible for nominating the general steering committee members from Ohio. More information about the steering committee nomination process will be available next week.

- **Steering Committee Leadership** – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair and appropriate number of vice-chairs, and 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 June. (See article below.)**
- **Caucus Leadership and Members** – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committees chair, vice-chairs and members. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference.
- **At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors** – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board (i.e., urban, rural, gender, geography, and minority representation).

- **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.)

Complete the [Presidential Appointment Application](#) online. **Application deadline: June 5, 2013.** If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

JOIN A 2013-14 NACo STEERING COMMITTEE

Now is the time to get active in the National Association of Counties (NACo) by joining a steering committee! If you have an interest in a specific issue, expertise on a certain topic, or concerns about the impact of federal legislative and policy decisions in your county, then you should consider joining one of NACo's policy steering committees.

NACo member counties serving on one of these committees enables you to become actively involved in NACo's policy process. The steering committees begin the NACo policy process by reviewing federal legislation and policy, and making recommendations on issues that impact counties.

If you are already a member of a committee, you must reapply now, as appointees serve one-year terms. However, you can be reappointed to the same committee for consecutive years. This current nomination process covers appointments from August 2013 through July 2014. The NACo steering committees are listed below:

- [Agriculture & Rural Affairs](#)
- [Community & Economic Development](#)
- [Environment, Energy & Land Use](#)
- [Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Human Services & Education](#)
- [Justice & Public Safety](#)
- [Labor & Employment](#)
- [Public Lands](#)
- [Telecommunications & Technology](#)
- [Transportation Steering Committee](#)

Steering committee applications must be submitted to CCAO – not NACo. Here are the important points to remember:

- Fill out and submit a [2013-14 NACo Steering Committee Nomination Form](#) to CCAO by Friday, **June 21, 2013**. Send your form to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, via email at mjneiman@ccao.org or fax at (614) 221-6986.
- Mark on the nomination form your first and second choices of steering committees
- Members of NACo affiliate organizations who want to serve on a steering committee should follow the same process.

CCAO/NACo makes every effort to accommodate nominees' first choice of steering committee assignments. Committee appointees serve for one-year and cannot transfer membership to another committee, or serve on

more than one steering committee, during that year. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

2013 COUNTY SOLUTIONS & IDEA MARKETPLACE

The 2013 County Solutions and Idea Marketplace is the new name for the Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties! The Conference will be held July 19-22, 2013 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Tarrant County (Fort Worth), Texas. The Conference has been reduced to a 4-day program with additional opportunities to engage with your peers from across the U.S.! To those who have attended the NACo Annual Conference before – please note the change in programming. [Click here](#) for the new and improved schedule!

Register online to save \$25 off the conference registration fee. **Register by June 7 to get the early bird discount!** [Click here](#) to register and make your hotel reservations.

CCAO will be hosting a reception on Saturday, July 20 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Please be prompt and arrive by 5:00 p.m., because the four candidates that are running for NACo 2nd Vice President will address the caucus.

The election for the NACo 2013-14 Officers will take place on Monday, July 22. Information about the NACo Credentials Process (voting process) will be sent to all presidents of the Board of County Commissioners and County Executives in May. If you have any questions about the credentials process, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

GRANTS

USDA RURAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE TO COUNTIES

On May 14, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of Rural Business Opportunity Grants. Approximately \$2.6 million is available on a competitive basis nationwide to projects that improve the economic conditions in rural areas. Counties and their partners have established business incubators, business plans, long term planning and other innovative projects with this funding. Applications are due by **June 28, 2013**. For more information, Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4230 or ejohnston@naco.org or [click here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

CROSS-COUNTY COLLABORATIONS – PROMISE FOR IMPROVING SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEMS

The May, 2013 issue of *Common Ground*, the bi-monthly update of happenings at The Center for Community Solutions, is linked to this issue of CIDS. This issue focuses on human services programs with the lead article on “Cross-County Collaborations: Promise for Improving Social Service Systems?” While county-level control of social services means that programs can be tailored to local needs, it has resulted in systems so fragmented that they are almost non-systems. The types of services available, to whom, and how they are delivered varies greatly depending on where a person lives within Ohio. [Read more...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
EMA Director	May 28, 2013 Ashtabula County
Chief Building Official	May 31, 2013 Stark County
Human Resources Generalist	June 10, 2013 Greene County
Plans Examiner	June 10, 2013 Greene County Building Regulations Department
Dog Warden/Shelter Administrator	June 21, 2013 Fairfield County