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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 (<i>HELD DURING THE NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE</i>), FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER, TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAUS – PROMOTING TOURISM IN OHIO – A CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on “Convention & Visitor Bureaus (CVB) – Promoting Tourism in Ohio” scheduled on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. explaining how a CVB is your local’s “destination Marketing” organization. The mission of a CVB is the promotion of visitor and business travel, which generates overnight lodging for destinations. CVBs are the most important tourism marketing organizations in Ohio – directly responsible for travel and tourism “product awareness” to visitors. Billions of direct and indirect revenue and taxes are generated into the state and local economy due to the prevailing marketing of Ohio’s CVBs.

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/303037166> If for any reason you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. If you have questions regarding registering for the webinar, please contact Amanda at the email

address listed above. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research at bcole@ccao.org

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR - JUNE 7

CCAO invites all county commissioners, county executives and county council members, affiliates and guests to the [CCAO Summer Seminar](#) to be held next 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 conference information.

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.

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](#) – East Lawn Avenue, Urbana (no charge)
[Aviation Museum](#) – 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 is TODAY: **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.

STATE ACTIVITIES

THE OHIO ETHICS LAW AND GIFTS

As the weather warms up, the Ohio Ethics Commission often notes an increase in questions about gifts or outings offered to public servants. As a reminder, the Ethics Law prohibits a public employee or official from soliciting or accepting "anything of value," if the thing of value could have a substantial and improper influence on the performance of public duties. "Anything of value" is defined in state law to include, essentially, anything with any monetary value. Gifts, golf outings, theater or sporting event tickets, vacations, and jewelry are all items that the Commission has specifically identified as things of substantial value.

Entering public service means recognizing that some gifts and entertainment are prohibited. If a public official or employee is offered a gift, golf outing, or other item of substantial value, the public servant must determine whether it is acceptable. Individuals and other parties that are doing or seeking to do business with, interested in matters before, or regulated by a public agency are improper sources of substantial gifts and entertainment to public servants. However, gifts of nominal value or gifts from personal friends who are not improper sources are allowed.

To assist public servants in making this determination, the Ethics Commission issued a [gift bulletin](#) which provides guidance and explains when the law permits or prohibits acceptance of gifts. If you have questions, feel free to contact the Ethics Commission at (614) 466-7090 or www.ethics.ohio.gov

OHIO'S BALANCED GROWTH SURVEY

The Ohio Balanced Growth Program wants to hear from local government, private business and conservation groups about how the Program can be of assistance to you in the coming years. **Even if you have not been involved with balanced growth in the past, your input will be valuable in planning the Program's next steps in supporting local government in achieving their development and conservation goals.**

The Ohio Balanced Growth Program provides technical assistance, education, planning support, and a host of online resources to local governments and collaborative partnerships in the state who are working to achieve development and conservation goals. Entirely voluntary and incentive-driven, the Program is co-sponsored by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission and the Ohio Water Resources Council. The Program strives to ensure the long-term quality of our valuable water resources - a great asset for our State - enhancing economic prosperity into the future, through Watershed Planning Partnerships, and implementation of Best Local Land Use Practices.

Please complete a survey about what the Program has been doing that is useful to you, what issues are of greatest concern, and how the Program can help in the future. Complete the 2013 Ohio Balanced Growth survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QNBWNZJ> by June 7, 2013. For more information, please contact Gail Hesse, Executive Director, Ohio Lake Erie Commission, at (419) 621-2040 or

gail.hesse@lakeerie.ohio.gov or Brian Hall, Administrator, Ohio Water Resources Council, at (614) 644-2033 or brian.hall@epa.state.oh.us or go to the website at <http://balancedgrowth.ohio.gov>

INFORMATION SOUGHT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN CUYAHOGA & ASHTABULA COUNTIES DAMAGED BY HURRICANE SANDY; WILL AID OHIO'S REQUEST TO FEMA FOR FUNDS TO REPAIR ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

Properties in Cuyahoga or Ashtabula counties that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or are eligible for listing on it may qualify for federal funding assistance to repair damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. These two counties are among those in nine states officially designated by FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as having been affected by the massive storm in October 2012.

Cuyahoga County has 372 listings on the National Register of Historic Places. Ashtabula County has 39. Both have National Register historic districts that are counted as single listings although they include many properties, so the total number of properties listed on the National Register in each county is much higher.

Owners who know of specific Hurricane Sandy damage to National Register-listed or -eligible historic properties in Cuyahoga or Ashtabula counties should e-mail the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at (614) 298-2000 or ohpo@ohiohistory.org by June 21, 2013, with the property name and address, name of the property owner or other contact person and an e-mail address or phone number.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

SENATE CONTINUES DEBATE ON FARM BILL REAUTHORIZATION

Last week, S. 954: the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2013, was on the Senate floor. Hopes of quick passage for the bill have faded as 196 amendments had already been filed by May 22, with the Senate only having worked through a handful. Passage by the full Senate remains likely, but the number of amendments that will receive a vote and the time required to work through these amendments is yet to be determined. The Administration put out a [Statement of Administration Policy](#) on May 20 expressing support for S.954. [Read more...](#)

HOPE VI GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

On May 21, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a notice of funding availability for the HOPE VI Main Street Grant Program, which provides grants to small communities to assist in the renovation of historic or traditional business districts – commonly known as “Main Street” areas – through the replacement of vacant commercial properties with affordable housing units. [Read more...](#)

NEW FUNDING TO CONNECT AMERICA FUND FOR RURAL BROADBAND EXPANSION

On May 22, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced new funding for the Connect America Fund (CAF), aimed at the expansion of fixed broadband service in rural America. This marks the second round of Phase 1 funds for CAF; the first round made available \$300 million to service providers, of which \$115 million was disbursed. The second round will also make available \$300 million, and the \$185 million remainder from the first round will be added to the total if there is sufficient demand from providers.

The receipt of these funds from CAF obligates service providers to extend broadband service to areas that are unserved, or served at speeds that deem the areas functionally unserved. The determination of speeds at which an area is served is based on the [National Broadband Map](#) produced by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration. [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. 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 next Friday, 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](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CAN I DO THAT? AN OVERVIEW OF THE OHIO ETHICS LAW

The Ethics Commission has announced their 2013 Webinar schedule! Beginning in July, one webinar per month will provide an overview of the Ohio Ethics Law. These one-hour sessions can be “attended” at your desk, using your own telephone and computer. [Webinars](#) are presented by the Ohio Ethics Commission and are supported by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Register for a session now by clicking a date below:

- [July 11, 2013](#) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- [August 6, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- [September 5, 2013](#) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- [October 11, 2013](#) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- [November 5, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- [December 18, 2013](#) 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the webinar.

OHIO PUBLIC SECTOR FACT FINDING

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will hold their 2013 “Ohio Public Sector Fact Finding” Conference on Friday, August 16, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Dublin Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, in Dublin. The Conference will bring together as presenters and as participants, professionals who are part of the Fact-Finding process. It will include representatives of labor and management, neutrals who preside as fact finders, SERB staff under whose jurisdiction the fact-finding is conducted, and attorneys whose practice includes representing the parties at fact finding.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the Conference. For more information, contact Cheri Alexander, Administrator, SERB Research and Training Section, (614) 466-1193, Cherith.Alexander@serb.state.oh.us or www.serb.ohio.gov

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2013-017

1. Pursuant to R.C. 1724.03(B), a board of directors of a county land reutilization corporation shall include the county treasurer, at least two of the members of the board of county commissioners, one representative of the largest municipal corporation located in the county, and one representative of a township (with certain restrictions) located in the county; other members of the board shall be selected by the treasurer and the county commissioners who are members of the board, and these appointees may be other public officials not explicitly named in R.C. 1724.03(B).
2. A board of county commissioners may provide insurance coverage, workers’ compensation coverage, vacation leave, sick leave, and other county benefits to county officers and employees or those persons

in the offices and departments of county service. Pursuant to R.C. 1724.02(L), no employee of a county land reutilization corporation is an employee of the county solely because the employee is employed by the county land reutilization corporation, and a board of county commissioners may not provide insurance coverage, workers' compensation coverage, vacation leave, sick leave, and other county benefits to that employee.

3. A board of county commissioners may enter into only those contracts for which the board has statutory authority, either granted expressly or necessarily by implication.
4. Neither a county treasurer nor a county auditor may contract with a county land reutilization corporation to provide services to or employees to work for the corporation. A county auditor or treasurer does not have authority to have her employees furnish services to a county land reutilization corporation regardless of the employees' paid or volunteer status. (2012 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2012-026, syllabus, paragraph 3, approved and followed.)
5. A person who is an "employee," as defined in R.C. 2744.01(B), is subject to the provisions for employees set forth in R.C. Chapter 2744.
6. An employee of a board of county commissioners who also is employed by a county land reutilization corporation may perform work for the corporation only during the hours he is regularly scheduled to work for the corporation. Similarly, during the hours he is regularly scheduled to work for the board of county commissioners, the employee may not perform the work of the county land reutilization corporation.

SYLLABUS

2013-018

R.C. 4723.43(B) does not authorize a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) to order or prescribe a preoperative or postoperative medication to be administered by another licensed healthcare professional, such as a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN).

SYLLABUS

2013-019

1. Pursuant to R.C. 307.12, R.C. 6103.02, and R.C. 6103.20, a board of county commissioners may sell water to oil and gas drilling companies.
2. A board of county commissioners may not enter into a multi-year contract to have a for-profit company broker the sale of water by the county to oil and gas drilling companies.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
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