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JUNE 12, 2013	CONVENTION & VISITORS' BUREAUS—PROMOTING TOURISM IN OHIO – CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
JUNE 20, 2013	CCAO WORKERS' COMP GROUP RATING PLAN ANNUAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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
DECEMBER 8-10, 2013	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY)

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 WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RATING PLAN ANNUAL MEETING

The CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10:00 am. County commissioners, loss control coordinators, county auditors, and any additional elected officials or staff are encouraged to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to update members on the performance of the Group Rating Plan and to provide important information that will assist counties in their efforts to prevent workplace injuries and reduce workers' compensation costs. The meeting will also include two hours of safety training. The Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) requires all 2013 Group Rating Plan members to attend two hours of safety training during 2013. Attending this session will meet this requirement for your county.

Group Rating Plan counties received the agenda, minutes from the last meeting and registration forms this week. In order for us to have an accurate lunch count, please register by Monday, June 17, 2013, to Tricia Callihan, CORSA Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7993, (888) 757-1904 or tcallihan@ccao.org

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

KEEPING LORAIN COUNTY CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District received a grant from Keep America Beautiful and Lowe's Charitable & Education Foundation for their C.A.B. (Clean and Beautiful) Program, which was launched on Lorain County Pride Day held on May 18. The District purchased a 6x10 enclosed trailer and stocked it with a lawn mower, leaf blower, trimmer, assorted rakes, shovels, pruners, gardening tools, safety vests, gloves, safety cones, garbage bags, etc. A design and wrap to advertise the program was made for the trailer.



Any volunteer organizations, communities, church or youth groups in Lorain County can borrow the trailer for FREE for up to 72 hours. Organizations need to pick-up and return the trailer to the collection center located in Elyria. Since launching the program many requests have been scheduled...even into next year! For more information, please contact Sally Pecora at (440) 329-5467 or specora@loraincounty.us or Tiffany Barker at (440) 328-2368 or tbarker@loraincounty.us

FRANKLIN COUNTY EXPANDS INVESTMENT IN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The Franklin County Commissioners approved \$2.3 million to expand the County's summer youth employment programs by approving funding for YouthWorks, a new employment program which will connect over 600 local low-income youth with summer internships and work opportunities. Outreach efforts will focus on recruiting youth living outside the city of Columbus limits, teen parents and youth leaving foster care.

The Franklin County YouthWorks program is a TANF-funded summer youth employment program designed to serve youth between the ages of 14 and 24. Franklin County will contract with the community organizations to provide young people the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while earning a paycheck to help meet basic needs.

One of the employment opportunities is Youth WEB CORPS, an eight-week service learning experience for youth ages 14-18 being administered by the J. Ashburn Youth Center at various computer labs throughout Franklin County. Youth will participate in eight hours of work readiness training in addition to receiving instruction and hands-on experience of web development aimed at strengthening youths' web development, project management and professionalism skills and applying those skills in the authentic task of building a website for a small business or organization in Franklin County.

Earlier this year, as part of the 2013 S.O.A.R.hire! Summer Youth Employment Program, Franklin County provided nearly \$4 million to support summer youth employment. As a result, this year, Franklin County's total investment in summertime employment programs exceeds \$6 million and will assist nearly 2,000 local youth.

Job placement for YouthWorks participants will occur in mid-June. Eligible youth must be residents of Franklin County, have a family income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, be a U.S. citizen, or a qualified alien, and be between the ages of 14 - 24 years. Youth ages 18 - 24 must have a minor child in their household. Program information is available on-line at <http://jfs.franklincountyohio.gov>

STATE ACTIVITIES

BWC DIRECTORS APPROVE \$1 BILLION IN WORKERS' COMP REBATES

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors unanimously approved \$1 billion in one-time workers' compensation rebates for more than 210,000 public and private employers. The rebates, equal to about 56% of what employers paid in premiums last year, are the result of better-than-expected returns on BWC's investments and reduced medical and claims costs, the bureau said. About 3,800 local governments and school districts will see a combined savings of nearly \$113 million from the move.

Checks ranging from \$5 to \$3 million will be sent out in late June or early July, according to BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer. The so-called "Billion Back" program was devised as a way to draw down the bureau's net assets of \$8.8 billion. Mr. Buehrer said the BWC in the past has extended rebates and credits over a number of years. But offering a large, one-time rebate like this, he said, helps Ohio's economy and is less confusing to employers. Under the rebate, schools will receive \$42.5 million, cities \$37 million, counties \$16.5 million, and townships \$7.6 million.

Separately, board members also unanimously voted for a 2.1% base-rate reduction for private employers, representing \$29 million in savings over 2013 premium collections. The reduction comes after a 4% rate decrease in 2012 and flat rates in 2013. Rates for public employers will be decided in the fall. [Read more...](#)

OHIO AIRPORTS FOCUS STUDY PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS, STUDY OF AIRPORT SERVICE AREAS, FUTURE USE AND TYPES OF AIRPORTS BY SERVICE CATEGORY CONTINUES

The Ohio Airports Focus Study Project Advisory Committee (PAC) met by conference call on May 30 to update the PAC on the status of the airport study, and to discuss and finalize the stratification of Ohio's airports. The Ohio Airports Focus Study is conducting a study that entails the following:

- Visit Ohio Airports and conduct other data gathering – visitation of airports is complete and tenant data gathering and pilot surveys are continuing

- Forecast of future use of Ohio general aviation airports ten or twenty years into the future
- GIS analysis of market areas served by each airport based on drive times and the highway system within a 30 minute drive time of each airport
- Ohio Airport Role Stratification is an attempt to classify airports on the basis of each general aviation airport's role. Four criteria being used to classify or stratify airports include runway length, fuel, airport maintenance, and instrument approach procedure.

The Project Advisory Committee includes a wide array of local government, aviation, business and other interest groups that are assisting and guiding ODOT in its study of Ohio's airport system. CCAO Managing Director of Research Brad Cole is serving on the Project Advisory Committee.

The next meeting of the Project Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for late July. ODOT plans to release information regarding the study in late August and has tentative plans to hold public meetings on the study results in September. CCAO will provide additional information on this subject as information becomes available. For additional information on the Ohio Airports Focus Study please contact ODOT Division of Aviation Planner David Dennis at David.Dennis@dot.state.oh.us or by calling (614) 387-2352.

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 Friday, 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>

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

USEPA APPROVES PLAN TO CONTROL SEWER OVERFLOWS IN CINCINNATI/HAMILTON COUNTY AREA

The U.S. EPA has approved a plan to reduce the release of sewage and polluted stormwater by more than 1.5 billion gallons each year. The plan establishes priorities to address communities' most serious water quality problems and promotes cost-effective, innovative solutions to reduce pollution. Specific components include separating sewers to keep rainwater out of the combined sewer system and use of green infrastructure to manage rainwater diverted from the combined system.

Under a 2010 consent decree and CSO control plan, the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Greater Cincinnati (MSDGC) was required either to construct a deep tunnel system under Mill Creek to alleviate CSOs in many neighborhoods in the city or conduct further analyses and propose an alternative plan. MSDGC proposed the alternative plan to EPA in December 2012. The alternate plan is expected to save more than \$150 million (in 2006 dollars) from the original deep-tunnel plan. [Read more...](#)

More information about the plan: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/cases/civil/cwa/hamilton.html>

More information about the integrated planning framework: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/integratedplans.cfm>

More information about green infrastructure: <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/greeninfrastructure/index.cfm>

USEPA SURVEY SHOWS \$384 BILLION NEEDED FOR DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE BY 2030

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released results of a survey showing that \$384 billion in improvements are needed for the nation's drinking water infrastructure through 2030 for systems to continue providing safe drinking water to 297 million Americans.

EPA's fifth [Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment](#) identifies investments needed over the next 20 years for thousands of miles of pipes and thousands of treatment plants, storage tanks and water distribution systems, which are all vital to public health and the economy. The national total of \$384 billion includes the needs of 73,400 water systems across the country.

The survey, required under the Safe Drinking Water Act to be submitted to Congress every four years by EPA, was developed in consultation with all 50 states and the Navajo Nation. The survey looked at the funding and operational needs of more than 3,000 public drinking water systems across the United States through an extensive questionnaire. In many cases, drinking water infrastructure was reported to be 50-100 years old. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

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

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.

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

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A judge of a court of common pleas serving as a member of a judicial advisory board for a corrections commission established pursuant to R.C. 307.93 is an employee of a political subdivision acting within the scope of his employment or official duties and is entitled to immunity from liability in a civil action as set forth in R.C. Chapter 2744.

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