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AUGUST 23, 2013	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS
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SEPTEMBER 6, 2013	JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INFRASTRUCTURE (JEDI) COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
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DECEMBER 8-10, 2013	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW WEBINAR - AUGUST 14

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “The Basics of the Prevailing Wage Law” webinar on August 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Speakers from the Ohio Department of Commerce and the Ohio Attorney General’s office will address the following issues and questions from county officials who will be participating in the webinar.

- What are prevailing wages?
- What are prevailing wage thresholds for new construction and reconstruction?
- What are public authority responsibilities?
- What are the responsibilities of the prevailing wage coordinator?
- What are the requirements for certified payroll reports?
- What are contractor responsibilities and requirements?

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/332878902>. [Click here](#) for more webinar information. 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

NEW THREE-YEAR AND PERMANENT DOG REGISTRATIONS; PASS RESOLUTION BY AUGUST 31

As you are likely aware, the recently passed state budget bill (HB 59) included language that will allow individuals to register a dog for a period of one-year, three-years, or register the dog permanently rather than requiring an annual registration as in current law. [County Advisory Bulletin 2013-02, "New Three-Year and Permanent Dog Registrations"](#) was published last week to explain these new options and to guide counties on implementing the changes. In particular, boards of commissioners need to work with their county auditors and dog wardens to pass a resolution establishing these dog registration fees by August 31, 2013. For more information, please contact CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Josh Hahn at (614) 220-7982 or jhahn@ccao.org.

TAXATION AND FINANCE COUNTY DATA CHANGE BULLETINS PUBLISHED

This week, the four taxation and finance [County Data Exchange Bulletins](#) (CDE) were published.

- [Status of Local Government Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Rates in 2013](#)
- [County, Municipal and Township Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Revenue Received by Type of Jurisdiction in 2012](#)
- [2012 State Motor Vehicle License Tax Distributed to Local Jurisdictions](#) (Based on January to December Collections)
- [2012 Motor Vehicle Gas, State License and Permissive License Tax Revenue Distributed by State to Counties](#) (County Portion)

If you have any questions, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or bcole@ccao.org

CCAConnect: A COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR COUNTIES

CCAO is rolling out CCAOConnect which is a new communication tool for county commissioners, elected county executives and county council members to reach out to peers for assistance with issues!

What is CCAOConnect? CCAOConnect is a group email network for county commissioners, elected county executives and county council members. The purpose of the network is to get answers to your questions; learn how other counties deal with current issues, problems or concerns; and, to encourage collaboration.



Who can use CCAOConnect? CCAOConnect is for county commissioners, elected county executives and county council members.

How do I participate? CCAOConnect is a free subscription-based service. Once you are subscribed, you can email your questions, comments and answers by simply sending an email message to CCAOConnect. Your email message will be instantly distributed to the other subscribers who will receive your message in their email inbox. To respond, subscribers need only reply to the email and all subscribed members will see the response. It's that simple.

How do I start using CCAOConnect? [Click here](#) for more information

Is there a way to access original posts and responses to a particular topic or subject that took place in the past? Every message posted and sent via CCAOConnect will be archived by year and searchable by key words. (Example: Year - 2013, key word - general fund.)

If you have any questions about CCAOConnect, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

LAST CEBCO ACA TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12

CEBCO, in cooperation with the law firm of Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLC, has been presenting training programs throughout Ohio to assist county commissioners and their support staff with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance. The ACA places many new responsibilities on county administration as health plan sponsors, and what you don't know – when it comes to the ACA – CAN hurt you. All those nagging questions about what must be offered, to whom, and at what cost as well as the new taxes and reporting requirements will be addressed by Marc Fishel. Participants will receive a summary of the key responsibilities incumbent upon counties and actionable ideas to remain compliant with the new regulations.

The final **CEBCO ACA Training** will be held at **10:30 a.m. on August 12 at the CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, in Columbus.** Lunch will be provided, followed by a Q&A lunch. This FREE training is open to all counties. [Register and read more...](#)

CCAO BUDGET BRIEFINGS/OSU EXTENSION UPDATES SCHEDULED THIS FALL

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the five CCAO Budget Briefings/OSU Extension Updates for county commissioners, chief staff members and OSU Extension that will be held this fall.

The same briefing will be held in each location. The session begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend.

DATES/LOCATIONS

- October 3 **Franklin County (Columbus)**
The Ohio 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus

- October 9 **Hocking County (Logan)**
Olde Dutch Restaurant, 12791 State Route 664 S, Logan

- October 15 **Wayne County (Wooster)**
Shisler Conference Center, 1680 Madison Ave, Wooster

October 30 **Warren County (Lebanon)**
Warren County Administration Building, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon

November 6 **Wood County (Bowling Green)**
Commissioners Meeting Room, One Courthouse Square, County Administration Building,
Bowling Green

Registration information will be distributed later this month.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT TO RECEIVE SWANA EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Solid Waste District of North America (SWANA) announced that the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District has been named the winner of the SWANA's Bronze Excellence Award in the Special Waste Category. The award will be presented at SWANA's annual conference on September 17, 2013.



The Lorain County Solid Waste District will receive [SWANA's Excellence Award](#) for its entry "Special Waste Collection Center". The collection center is designed to collect and process special waste materials not typically collected at curbside or drop-off recycling programs. The collection center diverted for reuse and recycling more than 2,600 tons from landfills since June 2010. The collection center processed 28,632 vehicles and 34,558 households the first two years of operation. Approximately 92% of the materials collected are diverted for recycling or reuse. The Districts 300,000 residents may use the facility year around. [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

NEW LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM

Since the Clean Ohio Farmland Preservation Program was created in 2002, landowners competed statewide for the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) to purchase permanent agricultural easements on their properties. Landowners volunteer to sell the agricultural easement which requires the land remain forever in agricultural production supporting the state's #1 industry: food and agriculture. It has been a very competitive program with one of every 15 applications funded. The land remains in private ownership (and pays taxes) but must be used for farming. Landowners are paid about \$1000 an acre for the easement and often benefit from charitable gift tax right offs as well. The money can be used for any purpose but most use it to pay down debt, send kids to college, purchase a retirement plan, or expand their operations.

After ten years, there are 284 easements in 55 counties covering 50,000 acres but most of the funding has been clustered in three dozen counties. ODA would like more landowners in more counties to benefit. Therefore we hope to encourage more counties to participate. To facilitate this ODA has changed the program from a statewide competition to a competition within counties. The program is called Local Agricultural Easement Program or LAEPP.

Counties interested in learning more about the program should call (614) 728-6210 or click on the following link: <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/FarmLand/FarmLand.aspx>

For an overview of the program please see this 8-minute video from the "Our Ohio" television program: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MlezvN9Qy8&feature=share&list=TLDA-ARn7iKWw>

For more information, please contact Denise Franz King, Executive Director, Office of Farmland Preservation Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068, (614) 728-4203 or Denise.King@agri.ohio.gov

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND - ROUND 7 APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

The Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) offers communities financial assistance to create more efficient and effective service delivery within their area. Projects are expected to facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction with their plan for efficiency, collaboration, or shared services. Communities will be able to save money and provide more effective services to their constituents with assistance from this program.

The application for Round 7 of the [Local Government Innovation Fund](#) program is now available. The application form can be downloaded under 'Application Materials' on the left-hand side of the site. The Ohio Development Services Agency is accepting both grant and loan submissions for the Round 7 application period.

The link to the online submission form will be available two weeks prior to the application deadline. Once the application is completed, use the online submission form to upload the application and supporting materials. Supporting materials should be combined into one document for submission. Applicants are required to submit both an application and the online submission form.

All applications are due to the Office of Redevelopment by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013**. Please contact Nicole Bent in the Office of Redevelopment at (614) 995-2292 or lgif@development.ohio.gov with any questions.

THE VOICE OF ETHICS

Linked to this issue of CIDS is the August newsletter of "[The Voice of Ethics](#)" published by the Ohio Ethics Commission. Highlighted articles include: Facebook During Work, Can My Agency Also Be My Client?, Online Ethics Quiz, Misconduct in the Workplace, and Casinos and the Ohio Ethics Law. For more information, please contact Susan Willeke, Education and Communications Administrator, Ohio Ethics Commission, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-2256, (614) 466-7090, fax (614) 466-8368 or susan.willeke@ethics.ohio.gov

BMV ANNOUNCES PLANS TO POST MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE AND PERMISSIVE TAX DISTRIBUTION REPORTS ON WEBSITE

In order to improve local government access to Motor Vehicle License and Permissive Tax Distribution Reports and save the cost of mailing these reports to hundreds of local jurisdictions, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) within the Department of Public Safety will be launching a new Motor Vehicle License and Permissive Tax Distribution Reports website. This website will replace the current monthly distribution mailing and faxing of reports. Once the website is up and running, BMV will continue to mail or fax reports for a couple of months as local governments get use to the new system for receiving information.

As soon as the website is live, county, municipal and township officials will receive an announcement of this information with the monthly mailing/fax. If you have questions regarding the new website, please contact Leora Knight, Chief of Tax Distribution, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, at (614) 752-7600.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

CENSUS BUREAU'S NEW TOOL PUTS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT STATISTICS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The U.S. Census Bureau has released [My Congressional District](#), the first interactive tool geared exclusively toward finding basic demographic and economic statistics for every congressional district in the U.S. This Web app uses the latest annual statistics from the American Community Survey, providing the most detailed portrait of America's towns and neighborhoods. The American Community Survey provides a wide range of important statistics about people and housing for every community across the nation.

Users can sort through statistics in five key categories upon selection of a specific district in the application. Summary level statistics covering education, finance, jobs and housing, as well as basic demographic information, can quickly be displayed, downloaded and shared with others. [Read more...](#)

FUTURE OF FARM BILL UNCLEAR AS AUGUST RECESS BEGINS: BROWN NAMED AS SENATE CONFEREE

With the current extension of the farm bill set to expire on September 30, the future of new farm legislation remains uncertain as Congress begins a five-week recess. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) has announced that he will spend the recess drafting a stand-alone nutrition title using the framework developed by a group of House Republicans over the past month. The stand-alone measure would reduce nutrition spending by \$40 billion over the next 10 years – almost double the level of cuts to the nutrition title proposed in the version of the farm bill (H.R. 1947) that collapsed on the House floor in June.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) has indicated that leadership from both Senate and House Agriculture Committees will use the August recess to begin informal discussions to address similar provisions within each chamber's bill (or bills) in hopes of orchestrating a successful conference that would help to fend off another farm bill extension. Just before Congress adjourned for the five-week recess, Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown was named as a senate farm bill conferee. House leadership has not yet identified farm bill conferees. [Read more...](#)

HOUSE AND SENATE T-HUD SPENDING BILLS FALL WITH A "THUD"

Both chambers of Congress have failed in their efforts to pass FY2014 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) Appropriations Bills before leaving for the August recess, raising questions regarding the plausibility of reviving such legislation in the few weeks between legislators' return to Washington and the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30. [Read more...](#)

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2013-021

The cost of health care insurance provided by a board of county commissioners under R.C. 305.171(A) for the employees of a county veterans service commission is a component of the employees' compensation. Pursuant to R.C. 305.171(A), R.C. 5901.06, and R.C. 5901.07, when the board of county commissioners has appropriated to the veterans service commission the full five-tenths of a mill of revenue generated by the tax levy imposed under R.C. 5901.11, the cost of health care insurance premiums incurred by a board of county commissioners for the employees of a veterans service commission shall be paid from revenues generated by the five-tenths of a mill tax levy imposed under R.C. 5901.11.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Transportation Planner	August 15, 2013 Maumee Valley
HR Director	August 19, 2013 Greene County
JFS Director	August 22, 2013 Clermont County
JFS Director	August 30, 2013 Clark County
IS Administrator	August 30, 2013 Clark County
Network/System Administrator	August 30, 2013 Clark County
Water Treatment Plant Operator III	August 30, 2013 Warren County
Deputy Director – Planning	Open until filled Geauga County Department of Emergency Services
Director - Department on Aging	Open until filled Geauga County