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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 8, 2014	SOCIAL MEDIA & THE IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT – CCAO 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
JANUARY 18, 2013	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 1-5, 2014	NACo <b>LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE</b> , WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
APRIL 2014	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
MAY 15-16, 2014	OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM, DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS
MAY 21 - 23, 2014	NACo <b>WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE</b> , ANCHORAGE BOROUGH (ANCHORAGE), AK
JULY 11-14, 2014	NACo <b>COUNTY SOLUTIONS AND IDEA MARKETPLACE</b> , MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### KOSTANDARAS ELECTED 2014 CCAO PRESIDENT

CCAO President Gary Lee (Union) convened the CCAO Annual Business Meeting on Monday, December 9 at the 133<sup>rd</sup> CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus. The following officers were elected to serve in 2014:

- **President** – Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member
- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Dennis Stapleton, Delaware County Commissioner
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner
- **Secretary** – Ginny Favede, Belmont County Commissioner
- **Treasurer** – David Wesler, Preble County Commissioner
- **Past President** – Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner



The following past presidents have elected to automatically serve on the board: Paula Brooks (Franklin), David Dhume (Madison), Gary Lee (Union), Deb Lieberman (Montgomery), Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas), and Daniel Troy (Lake).

Commissioners elected for two-year terms on board of directors include: Tony Anderson (Fayette), Bob Corbett (Champaign), Lenny Eliason (Athens), Bob Glaser (Greene), John Love (Putnam), Otto Nicely (Defiance), Ann Obrecht (Wayne), and Brian Stewart (Pickaway).

Congratulations to our CCAO Officers and Board of Directors members.

## SOCIAL MEDIA & THE IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday webinar on “[Social Media and the Impact on Employment](#)” on January 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. explaining legal issues in local government’s use of social media. The webinar will focus particularly on the potential legal issues and challenges that face public employers when employees use social media. Jonathan Downes, Esq. of Zashin & Rich Co., LPA, a certified specialist in labor and employment law, will share his expertise on Social Media and the Impact on Employment.

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/845296286> If 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](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) and provide her with your name, title, and email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org)

[Click here](#) for a schedule of 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminars. Mark your calendar and plan to participate!

## CEBCO WELCOMES LAWRENCE, SCIOTO & SANDUSKY COUNTIES!



The Board of County Commissioners of Lawrence, Scioto, and Sandusky counties have voted to join the [County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio \(CEBCO\)](#) effective January 1, 2014. With these additions of 284, 344, and 304 new employee lives respectively, CEBCO will now serve in excess of 10,000 county employees and more than 23,000 Ohioans in the program. Scioto County is the 27<sup>th</sup>, Sandusky the 29<sup>th</sup>, and Lawrence the 29<sup>th</sup> members of CEBCO.

The consortium was created by CCAO to help stabilize the health insurance costs for counties. In addition to medical and prescription drug coverage, CEBCO also provides vision, dental, and life insurance as well as an Employee Assistance Program. Counties can choose any of these stand-alone programs separately or in conjunction with medical and prescription drug coverage.

For more information on the CEBCO Program please contact the following staff members:

- **Doug Foust**, Managing Director of Health and Wellness Programs, (614) 220-7984 or [dfoust@ccao.org](mailto:dfoust@ccao.org)
- **Melissa Bodey**, CEBCO Senior Benefit Specialist, (614) 220-7997 or [mbodey@ccao.org](mailto:mbodey@ccao.org)
- **Wendy Dillingham**, CEBCO Senior Benefit Specialist (614) 220-7992 or [wdillingham@ccao.org](mailto:wdillingham@ccao.org)

## OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM

County courthouses are prominent public buildings in our county seats. They serve as the center for political and commercial life and are important anchors in the heart of our Ohio communities. Fifty-five of Ohio’s county courthouses are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and many of the other courthouses are just

as significant. However, each public building comes with challenges to meet public needs, what are the solutions and techniques making these buildings viable for another 100 years and how will they be funded?



CCAO, the Ohio Historical Society, the Supreme Court of Ohio, and Heritage Ohio are working together to host a special Ohio Courthouses Symposium on May 15-16, 2014 to celebrate Ohio's majestic historic county courthouses and to share best practices for the caretakers of our state's courthouses that are in need of restoration and repairs. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Registration information will be available in March, 2014.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### **MERCER & TRUMBULL COUNTIES RECEIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION COUNCIL GRANTS**

The Ohio Development Services Agency has awarded ten grants and three loans to assist efficiency and collaboration projects across the state, totaling \$2,469,000. The [Local Government Innovation Fund](#) consists of two programs, the Local Government Innovation Program and the Local Government Efficiency Program. Together these two programs assist communities with shared services and efficiency projects in all aspects of operations.

Round 7 of the awards were announced last week. Congratulations to Mercer and Trumbull counties for receiving the following awards:

- Mercer County Commissioners - \$500,000 loan for the Mercer County Engineer's Administrative Office
- Mercer County Engineer - \$500,000 loan for the County Vehicle Maintenance Building Wing
- Trumbull County Engineer - \$100,000 grant for a study to develop use of CNG (compressed natural gas)

For more information about the program, please contact Nicole Bent, Program Manager, Office of Redevelopment, Community Services Division at (614) 644-6552 or [Nicole.Bent@development.ohio.gov](mailto:Nicole.Bent@development.ohio.gov)

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### **U.S. HOUSE PASSES BIPARTISAN BUDGET**

House lawmakers on Thursday approved a two-year budget deal that will avoid some sequester cuts and another government shutdown early next year. The bill passed 332-94, with large bipartisan support. The deal notably does not address the debt ceiling, which will reach its limit in February. The bill now heads to the Senate with a vote likely next week. To read more, visit [www.budget.house.gov](http://www.budget.house.gov).

### **BROOKS PARTICIPATES ON WHITE HOUSE PANEL; IMCP GRANTS ANNOUNCED**

Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner and Chair of NACo's International Economic Development Task Force, participated in a manufacturing summit hosted by the White House on December 5. By hosting the summit, the White House aimed to learn how local elected officials leverage their relationships across business, education and government to ensure a competitive environment to attract new manufacturers to their communities. Brooks discussed the importance of the manufacturing sector to the Columbus/Franklin



County region and the state of Ohio's economy.

The launch of the second phase of the Administration's [Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership \(IMCP\)](#) was announced. IMCP was created to help accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing and create jobs across the country. The next phase of IMCP will designate up to 12 "manufacturing communities." The designated communities will receive elevated consideration for \$1.3 billion in federal funding and assistance across 10 cabinet departments/agencies. [Click here](#) for the Federal Register notice. Application deadline: March 14, 2014.

#### FEMA RELEASES BUILDING CODES FOR NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a recent publication entitled [Including Building Codes in the National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\)](#). This report was issued in response to Section 100235 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, which required FEMA to evaluate the impact of adding building codes to the NFIP for floodplain management. The report looks at the number of states that have building code laws on the books and assesses the impact a mandatory building code may have on both urban and rural areas. The report notes that there would be an impact on both state and local functions, especially in rural communities that lack resources to provide for enforcement on new construction.

#### HUD REPORTS CONTINUED DECLINE IN U.S. HOMELESSNESS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released its [2013 Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#), which noted reductions in every major category of homelessness since 2010 – the year the federal government established a strategic plan to end homelessness known as "Opening Doors."

#### EPA PROGRAM SEEKS TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN PORT COMMUNITIES

The USEPA is announcing the availability of \$4 million in grant funding to establish clean diesel projects aimed at reducing emissions from marine and inland water ports, many of which are in areas that face environmental justice challenges. This grant competition is available under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Program and is the first competition to focus on solely reducing emissions at ports. DERA funds are used to clean up the legacy fleet of diesel engines that were produced before more recent environmental standards. This grant competition is intended to help solve some of the complex air quality issues in port communities.

The closing date for receipt of proposals is February 13, 2014. For more information and to access the Request for Proposals and other documents, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/ports/ports-dera-rfp.htm>.

#### EPA OFFERS FUNDING TO REDUCE POLLUTION FROM DIESEL ENGINES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made available \$2 million in funding for rebates to help public and private construction equipment owners replace or retrofit older diesel construction engines. The rebates will reduce harmful pollution and improve air quality in local areas.

As part of the Diesel Emission Reduction Program (DERA), the 2013 Construction Equipment Funding Opportunity will provide rebate incentives to selected eligible applicants to either retrofit or to replace their non-road construction equipment engines. Please read the [2013 Construction Equipment Program Guide](#) (PDF) for complete information. Application deadline: January 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. [Read more...](#)

## **GRANTS**

### 2014 EDA PROGRAMS GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

On November 25, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) published its [FY2014 Economic Development Assistance Programs Federal Funding Opportunity](#). EDA is soliciting applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. Counties are eligible applicants for these grants.

The first funding cycle of FY2014 was covered under EDA's FY2013 Economic Development Assistance programs. The next four funding cycle deadlines are:

- December 13, 2013 for funding cycle 2 of FY2014
- March 14, 2014 for funding cycle 3 of FY2014
- June 13, 2014 for funding cycle 4 of FY2014
- October 17, 2014 for funding cycle 1 of FY2015

### HUD GRANTS FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan announced that HUD will award \$1.7 billion to support homeless assistance programs with the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The available amount represents a five percent decrease to existing programs, which is largely due to sequestration and record high demand.

The grants will provide permanent and transitional housing to homeless persons, as well as services including job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. CoC funding is awarded competitively to local programs to meet the needs of their homeless clients. These grants fund a wide variety of programs from street outreach and assessment programs to transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons and families.

Project applications are available at [www.hud.gov/esnaps](http://www.hud.gov/esnaps). Application deadline: February 3, 2014.

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### NACo 2014 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Save the date and plan to attend NACo's 2014 Legislative Conference to be held March 1-5, 2014 at the Washington Hilton, in Washington, DC. Educational sessions focus on legislative issues that impact counties. Hear from nationally-known speakers and leaders in the federal arena for viewpoints on today's issues facing our nation. Online registration opened on December 3, 2013! [Read more...](#)

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION**

### SYLLABUS - 2013-039

1. A board of county commissioners may grant employees of a county department of job and family services retroactive lump sum pay increases more than once per year and may determine the amount

of money included in each pay increase.

2. Before a county auditor may issue a warrant authorizing payment of retroactive lump sum pay increases to classified employees of a county department of job and family services, an estimate, payroll, or account that sets forth the amount of money to be paid to each employee must be provided to the county auditor. The certificate described in R.C. 9.41 must be attached to this estimate, payroll, or account.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
<b>Business Administrator</b>	December 20, 2013 Clark County JFS
<b>Superintendent</b>	December 28, 2013 Montgomery County Board of DD
<b>Sanitary Engineer</b>	January 3, 2014 Medina County
<b>JFS Director</b>	January 3, 2014 Lucas County
<b>JFS Director</b>	Open until filled Clinton County
<b>Social Services Supervisor 1</b>	Open until filled Williams County
<b>Fiscal Officer</b>	Open until filled Cuyahoga County
<b>Human Resources Director</b>	Open until filled Greene County
<b>Planner</b>	Open until filled Trumbull County