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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 28, 2014	CCAO JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 1-5, 2014	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE , WASHINGTON HILTON, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 11, 2014	OHIO COUNCIL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION , STATEHOUSE, COLUMBUS
MARCH 12, 2014	FUNDING WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS – A 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
MARCH 24, 2014	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE AND TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 28, 2014	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, EMBASSY SUITES - AIRPORT, COLUMBUS
APRIL 2014	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
MAY 15-16, 2014	OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM , DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

FUNDING WATER & WASTEWATER PROJECTS

Join CCAO for a one-hour webinar on “Funding Water and Wastewater Projects” – part of the 2nd Wednesday Webinar Series - on March 12 at 9:30 a.m. Topics will include: Background and purpose of the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA), key features of OWDA’s loans, other OWDA funding programs, Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, Drinking Water Assistance Fund, and Other public funding programs.

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/835659718>. 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 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. [Read more...](#)

[Click here](#) for a complete schedule of 2014 2nd Wednesday Seminars.

OCCO LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION – MARCH 11

The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) invites all county commissioners, county executives, and county council members to a Legislative Reception to be held on March 11, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Statehouse Atrium. Representatives from the other OCCO member organizations will be in attendance as well as many members of the 130th Ohio General Assembly. Statewide office holders have also been invited.

OCCO strives to unite the associations representing Ohio's county elected officials and judges in order to promote sound, efficient, and fiscally responsible government. It serves as a forum to provide information about issues of importance to county elected officials and allows the members the opportunity to work on legislative issues of mutual concern.

Please RSVP your attendance by March 3, 2014 to Mary Panaggio at (614) 723-2008 or mpanaggio@ralaw.com. [Read more...](#)

WEAR BLUE. CHILD ABUSE IS PREVENTABLE.



Why blue? In 2011 Stark County Job & Family Services decided to promote "Wear Blue to Work" day instead of holding a pinwheel planting ceremony for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. In 2012, the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) and their public information officer committee across the state adopted "Wear Blue to Work" as a statewide campaign focused on grassroots outreach to community businesses and other partners. In 2013, the committee rebranded the campaign as "Wear Blue. Child Abuse is Preventable." and designated the second Wednesday of every April for the "Wear Blue" observance going forward. The third annual Wear Blue Day is April 9.

Wear Blue is a simple, yet effective, Child Abuse Prevention Month activity that encourages community members, local businesses, schools, and civic organizations to post photos of individuals wearing blue to agency websites and Facebook pages. "Like" the statewide [Wear Blue page](#) on Facebook. [Click here](#) for an updated campaign tool kit.

STATE ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC WORKS BALLOT LANGUAGE APPROVED

The Ohio Secretary of State has approved the Public Works Renewal ballot language as Issue 1. CCAO President Nick Kostandaras has been named to a statewide advisory committee in support of Issue 1. Additionally, a bipartisan citizens committee - Strong Ohio Communities – has been formed to secure voter approval of State Issue 1 that has served Ohio communities successfully for 27 years. Issue 1, placed on the ballot with nearly unanimous legislative support, will authorize up to \$1.875 billion in bonds over ten years for local community road, bridge, sewer, water and other infrastructure projects. First approved in 1987, the program has twice been renewed by voters overwhelmingly, in 1995 and 2005. Honorary chairs of the Strong Ohio Communities Committee will be Tim Burga, president of the Ohio AFL-CIO; Andrew Doehrel, president of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce; Michael B. Coleman, Mayor of Columbus; and Greg Hartmann, Hamilton County Commissioner.



BECOME AN OHIO NATIONAL GUARD AMBASSADOR

The Ohio National Guard would like to partner with counties to help communicate the role the Guard plays in protecting our national interests and serving Ohio citizens. By becoming an Ohio National Guard Ambassador, you help support their community outreach mission by cultivating and sustaining mutually-beneficial relationships in our communities. Here are four outreach areas where counties can become involved:



- **Educator Outreach** – Help Guardsmen succeed in higher education, support military dependents, and familiarize youth with benefits of careers in the Ohio.
- **Family Readiness** – Promote family readiness, quality of life and empowerment of military families through education, communication, resources, and community involvement.
- **Employer Outreach** – Support of employers of Guardsmen through educational, recognition, and “One Stop” programs.
- **Diversity Outreach** – To build a more diverse workplace.

For more information, contact the Adjutant General’s Department, Ohio National Guard, Community Outreach Office, 2825 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235, (614) 336-7002, ng.oh.oharnng.mbx.ong-outreach@mail.mil or <http://ong.ohio.gov>. [Click here](#) for an Ambassador Program brochure.

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 11

Applicants for the Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) grants can view guidelines online and should submit a letter of intent (LOI) to apply by March 4, 2014. Applications must be completed and submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 11. The next application cycle will have an LOI deadline of July 8 and an application deadline of July 15. Application guidelines are posted for the spring and summer 2014 grant cycles. OEEF application guidelines are written to align education projects with Ohio EPA’s regulatory priorities and environmental issues of current concern. During 2014, the OEEF has four targeted areas of focus:

- innovative storm water management practices;
- reduction of air emissions, including, but not limited to, promotion of alternative modes of transportation;
- habitat restoration efforts to increase biodiversity and improve air and water quality; and
- nutrient management practices, including, but not limited to, awareness campaigns to reduce nutrient loadings to rivers and streams from urban and rural areas.

Ohio EPA encourages prospective applicants to contact the OEEF staff at (614) 644-2873 or oeef@epa.ohio.gov to discuss project ideas and request staff review of draft proposals before the submittal deadline. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACIO 2014 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE COMPETITION CALL FOR ENTRIES



The [National Association of County Information Officers \(NACIO\)](#) is soliciting entries for its 2014 Awards of Excellence competition. This contest recognizes outstanding public relations and public information work being done in counties across the nation. Winners will be announced in June.

The awards will be presented at the NACIO reception at the NACo Annual Conference held on July 11-14, 2014 in Orleans Parish (New Orleans), Louisiana.

The 2014 Awards are a comprehensive look at the initiatives and efforts put forth from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013, and will recognize excellence in nine categories: Annual Reports, Brochures/Multiple-Page Booklets, Publications, Writing, Graphic Design, Photography, Audiovisual Productions, Special Projects, and Electronic Communications. Each category will include several subcategories. Please note that the projects must have been produced during the calendar year, but it does not have to be a new project. It can be an ongoing program or initiative. Application deadline: April 18, 2014.

The Awards of Excellence are open to county staff whose county is eligible to join the National Association of Counties (NACo). [Click here](#) to read the official contest rules and to download the official application form. For membership information, please contact NACIO Region 1 Director - Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org or [click here](#).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SHALE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY IMPACT SURVEY REPORT AND WEBINAR

The Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs will release the findings of its “Ohio Shale Development Community Impact Survey” on Monday, February 24, 2014. The accelerated pace of oil and gas (shale) development in eastern Ohio has opened up opportunities and created many questions about the future of the region. The report will be the first wave of data released in what is anticipated to be a long-term look at the impact of shale development activities in eastern Ohio.



The survey assesses the impact of shale development within 17 eastern Ohio counties (Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Mahoning, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Washington) with a focus on population, housing, public safety, infrastructure, environment, local employment, area business activity, and economic development.

An informational **webinar** will be held on **Monday, February 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. [Click here](#) to for more information and webinar registration. For additional information contact: Scott Miller, Director of the School's Consortium for Energy, Economics & the Environment (CE3), at (740) 593-0827 or millers1@ohio.edu.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY - HOW TECH ENABLES COUNTIES TO INVEST IN RENEWABLES

Recent advancements in technology have spurred interest and growth across the nation in renewable energy. Technology is allowing counties to more efficiently develop renewable energy programs - from siting new wind energy facilities, to creating energy from once unused sources including converting post-recycled solid waste into electricity, to ensuring reliable and secure transmission of energy via smart grids. By providing an easier path to renewable energy, technology is helping counties reduce energy costs and generate new economic activity, while meeting sustainability goals. Join NACo for a webinar on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. [Register here...](#)

GRANT WRITERS TRAINING

Grant Writing USA provides training to help improve grant writing skills and increase the odds for a successful grant application. The Cincinnati Police Academy is bringing them to Ohio for a two-day grants workshop in Cincinnati, on April 7-8, 2014. This is a follow-up program to the January Grant Writing Class. [Click here](#) for learning objectives. There are slots available for counties to send staff if you are interested. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. There is a cost to attend. [Click here](#) for full event details.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
OMB Director	Lucas County March 5, 2014
Registered Dietician/Dietary Manager	Williams County Open until filled
Design Engineer	Geauga County Open until filled
Senior Manager/Sanitary Engineer Dept.	Greene County Open until filled
HR Director	Portage County Open until filled
Child Support Enforcement Program Administrator	Clark County Open until filled (first reading of resumes on March 17, 2014)